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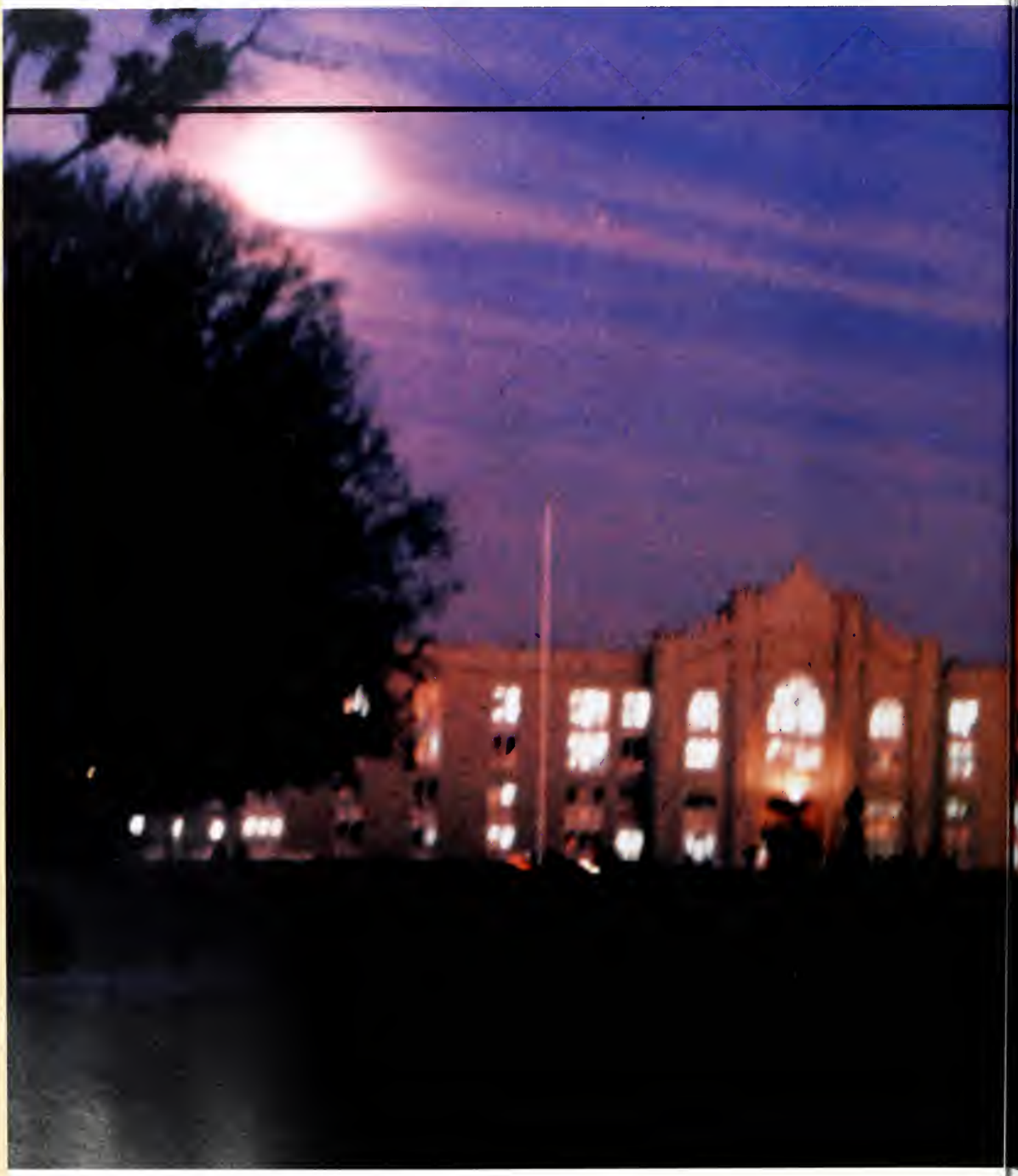

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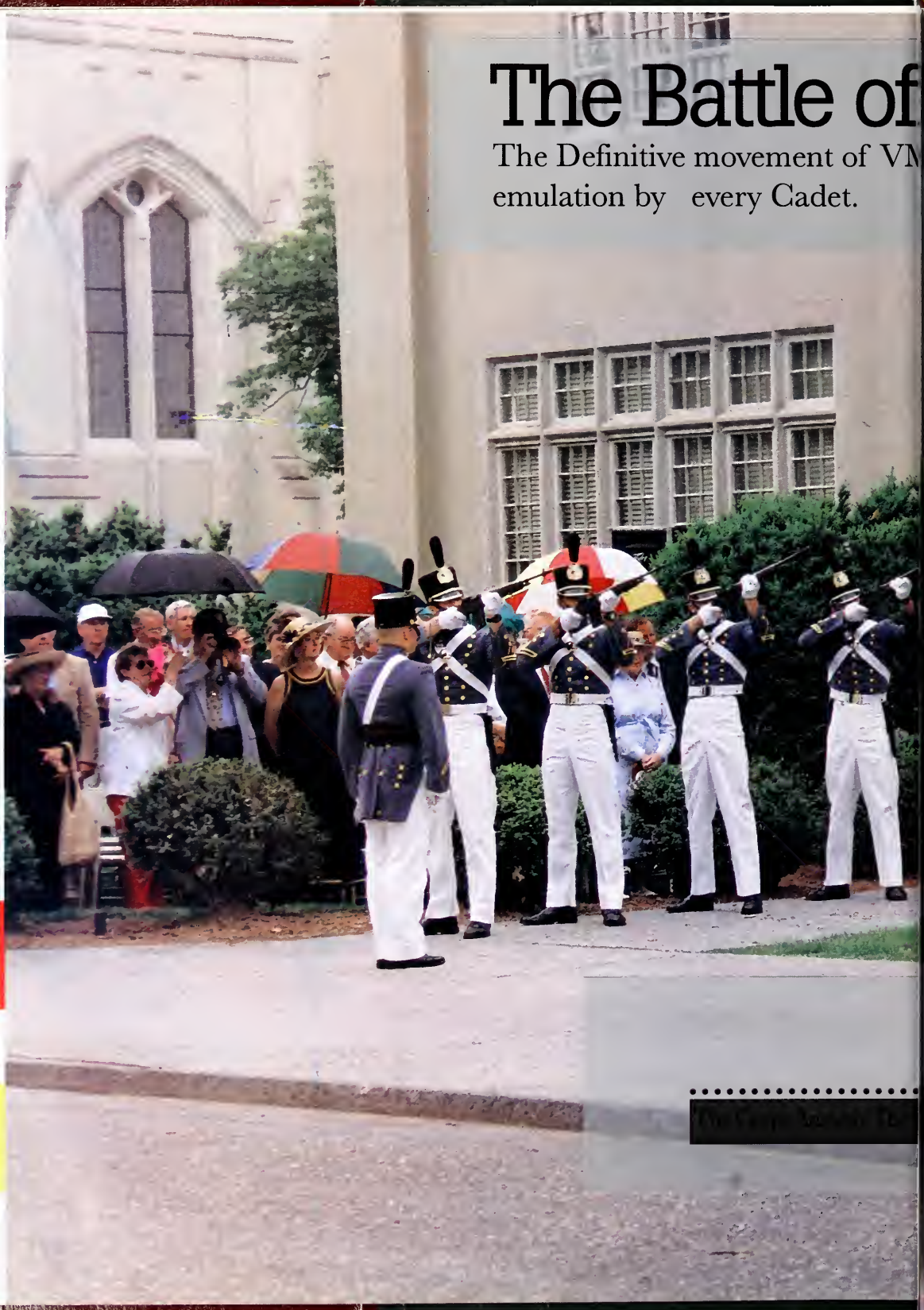
VMI the myth, and VMI the truth are so far apart it is amazing we as cadets can ever bring the two into line without a serious juxtapose.

However we view VMI, our perceptions will always be distorted because our expierience means so much. We enter as boys and leave as men.

VMI may be an illusion at times but the friendships are always real. Our bonds are forged in a kiln of steel...the Rat-Line

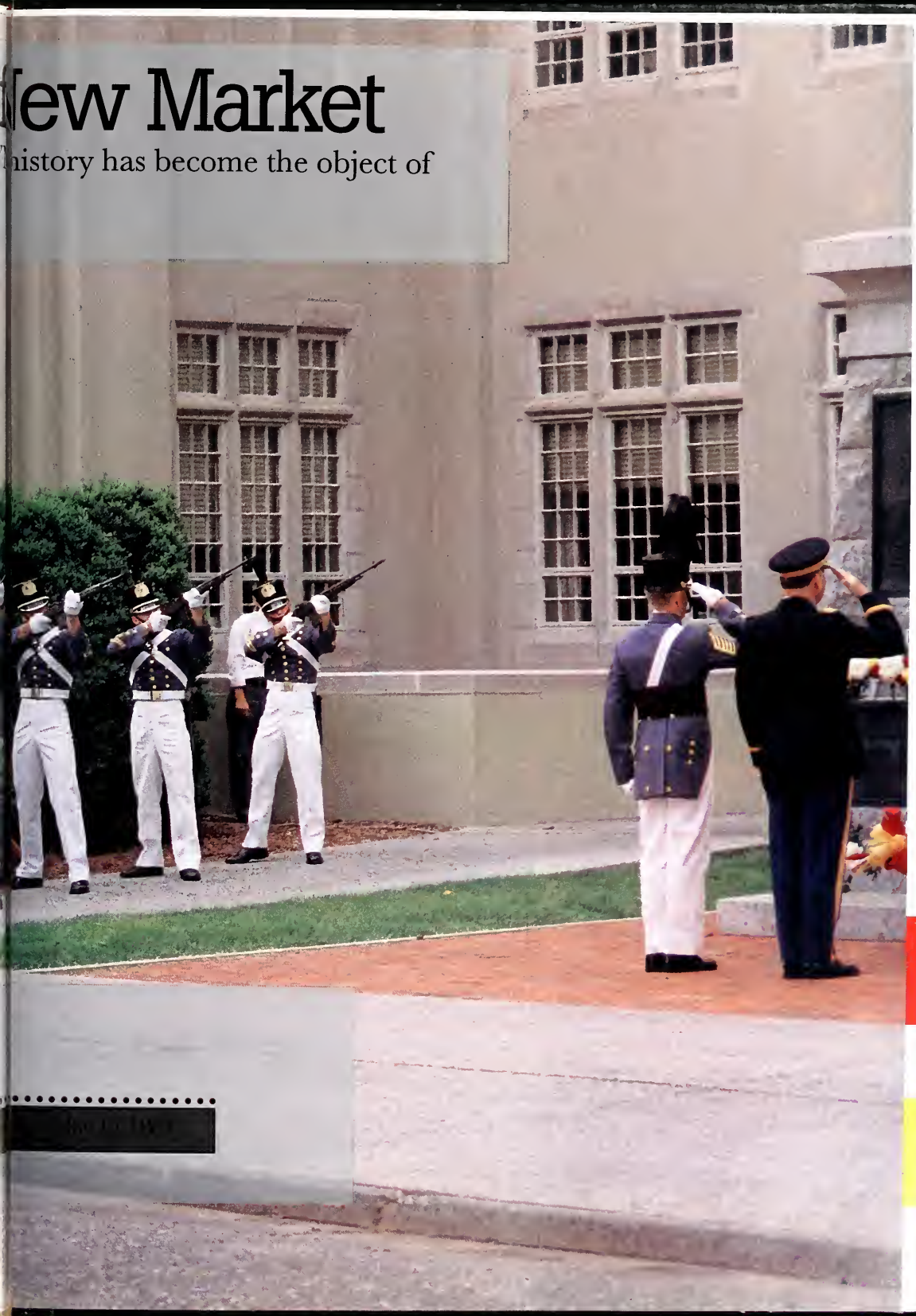
The Battle of

The Definitive movement of VM
emulation by every Cadet.



New Market

history has become the object of



The Long Four Years

It has been said that the four years of life at VMI can be summarized by the titles of four of Shakespeare's plays: *The Tempest, Much Ado About Nothing, A Midsummer-Night Dream,* and *all's Well That Ends Well.*

The Tempest: Rats

"This is Where the Tempest Qoute Goes"

Much Ado About Nothing: *Thirds*

"...remember that I am an ass; though it not be written down, yet forget nothat I am an ass."-Dogberry. *Much Ado About Nothing*.IV.ii.76-77

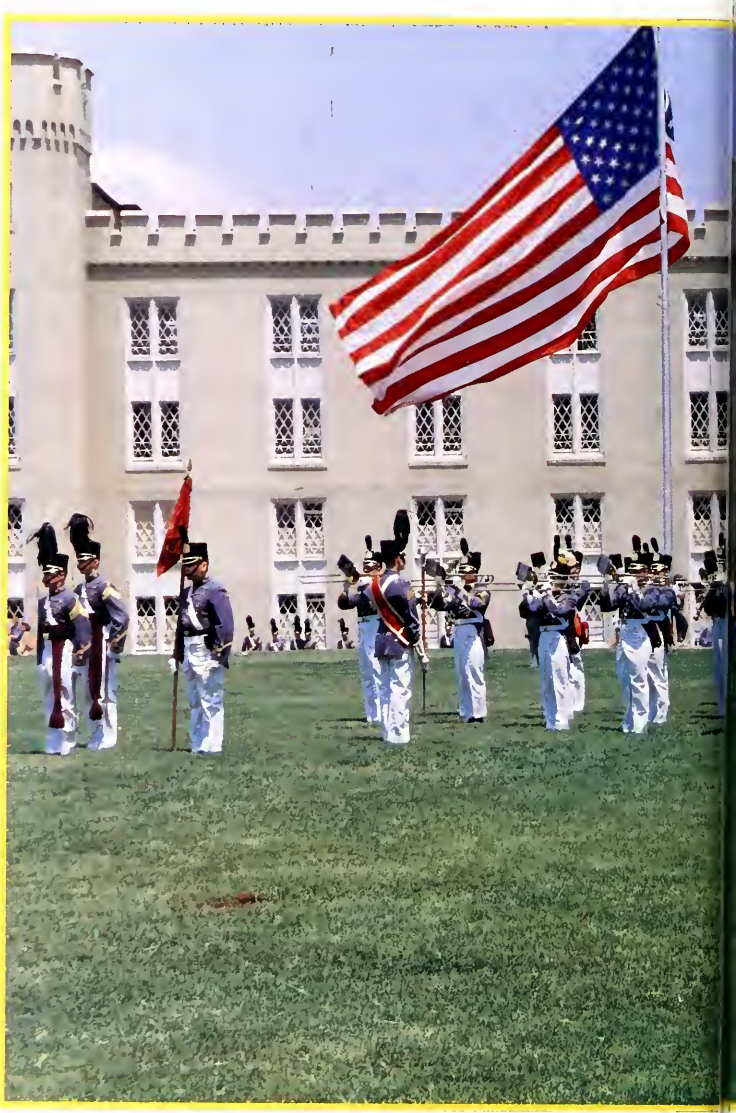
A Midsummer Night's Dream: Seconds

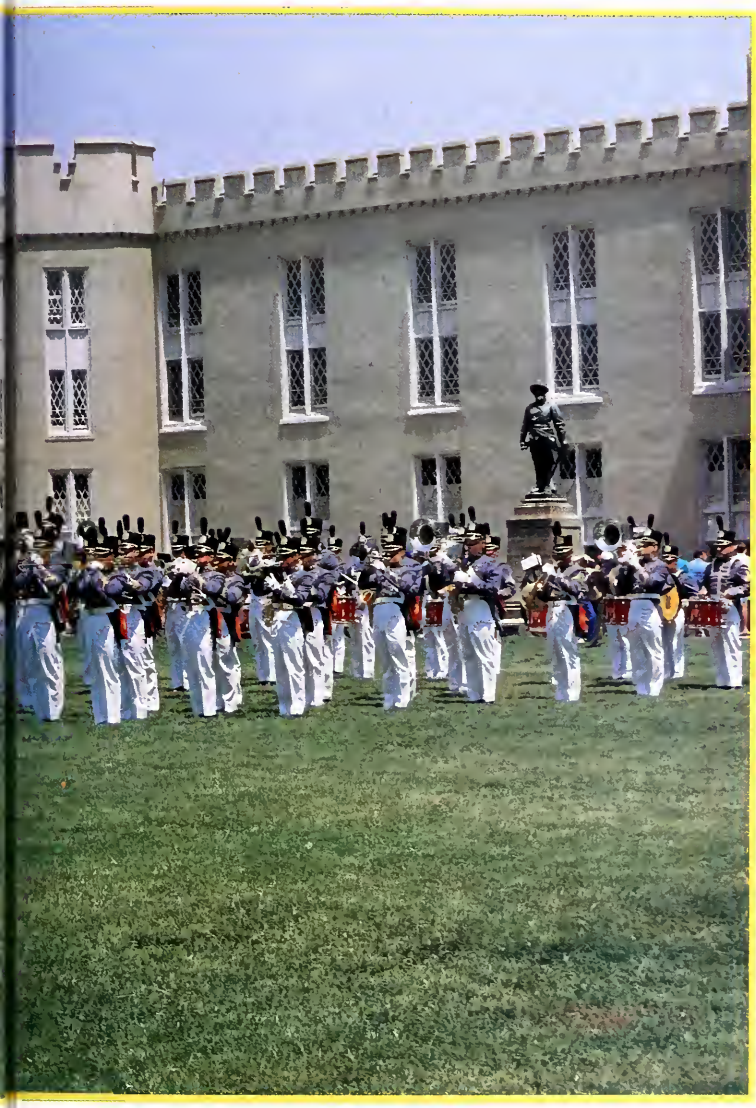
"But I might see young Cupid's fiery shaft quenched'd in the chaste beams of the watery moon."- Oberon, *Midsummer-Night Dream*. II.i.161-162

The shaft of cupid produces not a love of females for seconds but for the love of the ring. The symbol that draws all VMI together and sets all the rest apart.

"My duty then shall pay me for my pains. I will no more enforce mine office on you," *Helena. All's Well That Ends Well* II.i.II.i.`124-125

All's Well That Ends Well: *First-Class Year*



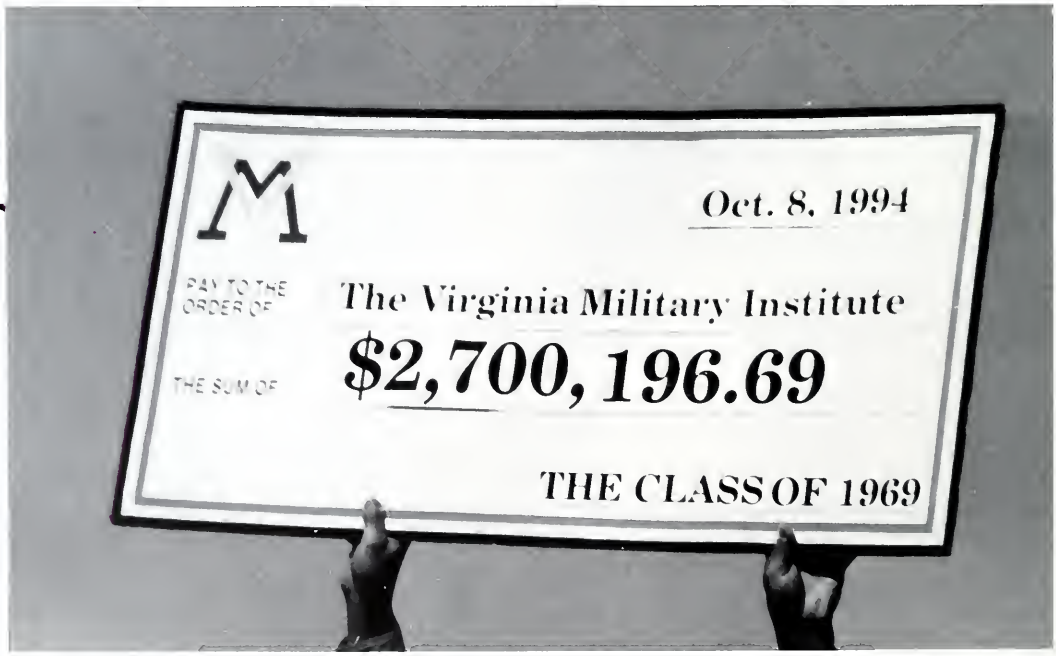


Alumni Weekend...

Hordes of Alumni Attack the Institute

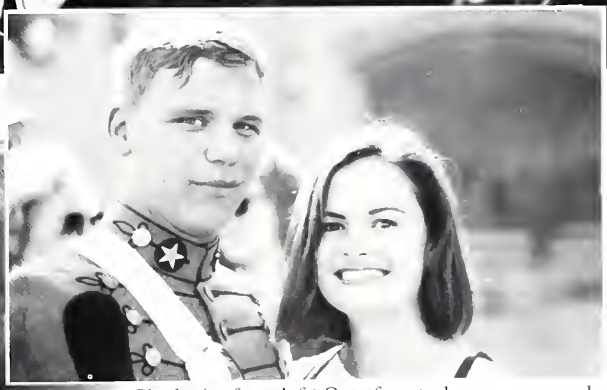
Drunkeness, chauvanism, Nostalgia: Three words that most cadets associate with Alumni Weekend. To the administration, Alumni Weekend means something different: MONEY!!! To refurbishing the Superintendants quarters, to subsidizing dying athletic programs and hopefully contributing to academic departments, Alumni are always generous! To a cadet, more specificly a rat, Homecoming is the first time cadets go out to hotels after a hop and relax. No one ever remembers the football score, but there are other scores in life.

What It Is All About



General Knapp holds up the check from the class of 1969. The class of 1969 celebrated their 25th anniverasry and reflected back on their BR's who died in the Vietnam War.

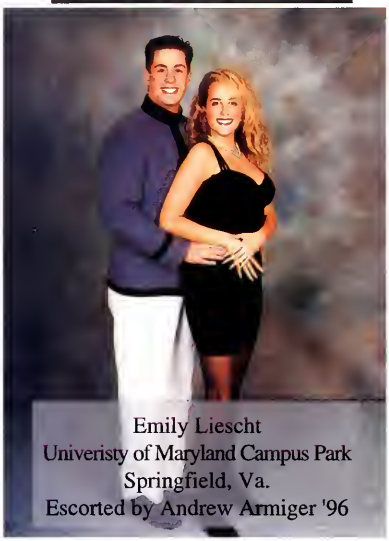
i Tinguely (above) relaxes with a f end" at the Barnes Motel, a favorite pt for poor cadets after hops; Jon lerrod (top right) throws down a Achelob with his girlfriend; Ed Gsline and Fred Bates (close top right) e ready to take their rats out for a iht in MetroLex.



(Clockwise from left) Out of control as ever, a member of the Class of 1949b dropped a smoke grenade as his BR's give ole' yells in the courtyard; An alum watches a parade as his wife takes pictures; Cadet Jon Adams stops to pose with a friend.

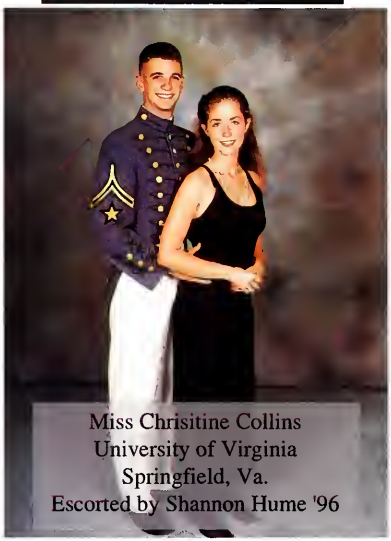
The 1995 VMI Homecoming Court

Miss Alpha



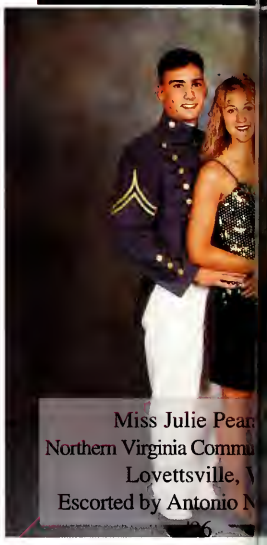
Emily Liescht
Univeristy of Maryland Campus Park
Springfield, Va.
Escorted by Andrew Armiger '96

Miss Bravo



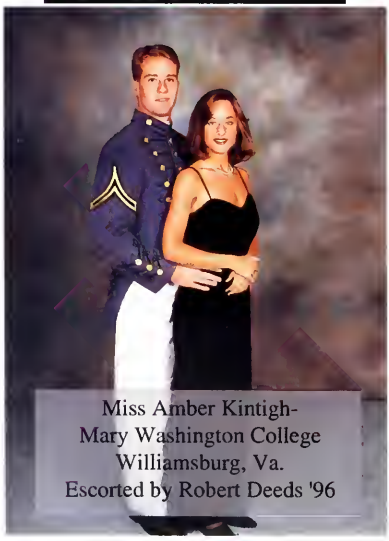
Miss Chrisitine Collins
University of Virginia
Springfield, Va.
Escorted by Shannon Hume '96

Miss Charli



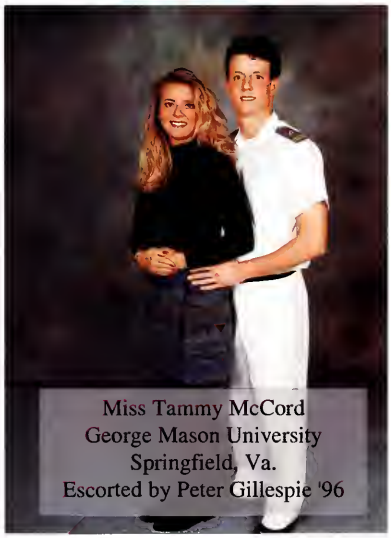
Miss Julie Pear
Northern Virginia Commu
Lovettsville, V
Escorted by Antonio N
'96

Miss Delta



Miss Amber Kintigh-
Mary Washington College
Williamsburg, Va.
Escorted by Robert Deeds '96

Miss Echo



Miss Tammy McCord
George Mason University
Springfield, Va.
Escorted by Peter Gillespie '96

Miss Foxt

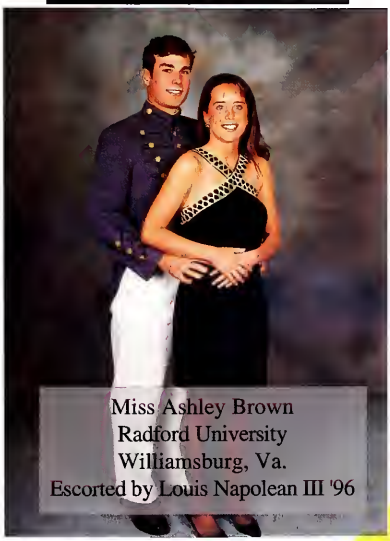
Miss Ann Elizal
Virginia Commonwealt
Richmond, V
Escorted by Rusty Mc

Miss Angela Meir

Escorted by Elvin Cabrera '95

Homecoming queen is an honor bestowed to the college age woman who best fits the quality and integrity of a lady. This years 1995 Homecoming Queen is Angela N. Meier from York, Pennsylvania. Ms. Meier is a Sophmore at Randolf Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia. An International Relations major, Ms. Meier plans to concentrate in Latin American Studies. Ms. Meier is escorted by Cadet First Class Elvin M. Cabrera from New York City, New York.

Miss Hotel



Miss Ashley Brown
Radford University
Williamsburg, Va.
Escorted by Louis Napolean III '96

Miss India

Miss Molly Hines
University of Virginia
Richmond, Va.
Escorted by Thomas Lane '96

Those who have made the institute proud...

VMI most famous Alum, General of the Army George C.Marshall. Army Chief of Staff, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and the only professional soldier ever to win the noble prize for peace.

Photo Courtesy of Alumni Review

MI graduates excel in the civilian and military. General J.H.B. Peay III. Commander of .S. Central Command at Macdill Air force ase, Florida which is the same command eneral Norman Swarzkopf held when he led llied forces in the successful liberation of uwait. General Peay is no stranger to either outhwest Asia or that conflict. Peay led the ngest and largest helicopter-borne operation history when, in the early morning hours of unday, February 24, 1991, 300 helecopters nd 4000 soldiers struck at Iraq. General Peay as the commander of the 101st Air Assualt ivision, the same division that Second Class istorian Stu Holt served in before matriculating.

Photo Courtesy of Alumni Review

Politics

Close right is L.F. Payne '67 U.S. Representative for the state of Virginia. Representative Payne sits of the House Budget Committee. Far right is coach Bobby Ross, the head coach of the San Diego Charges and former coach of Maryland.

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Sports

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Although most would not consider VMI a mecca of acting, some alumni have stood out in the entertainment industry. Perhaps the most familar face is that of Dabney Coleman, class of 1953. Although Mr. Coleman did not graduate from VMI, he considers the institute a valuable experience in his life. The *Bomb* staff could not find out why Mr. Coleman did not complete his last year at VMI but it is rumored that he hazed the present Superintendant, Mj. G. John W. Knapp.

Virginia Military Institute

Chain Of Command

Colonel R.W. Williams, Deputy Commandant Of Cadets

Chain of Command

Governor George Allen

The Honorable George Allen
Sixty-seventh Governor
of the
Commonwealth of Virginia

MG John W. Knapp

Twelfth VMI
Superintendent

COL Michael L. Bozeman
Commandant of Cadets

COL Ronald W. Williams
Deputy Commandant

COL Leroy D. Hammond
Executive Assistant to the Provost and Dean of the Faculty, Dissapproving Authority

COL Royce E. Jones
Director of Cadet Affairs

REGIMENTAL STAFF

Sean Burke
Regimental Commander

Timothy Miller
Regimental XO

Wade Dunford
Regimental S-1

Samuel West
Regimental S-2

Andrew Warren
Regimental S-3

Geoffrey Blum
Regimental S-4

Thomas Dean
Regimental S-5

John Devlin
Regimental S-6

I am very proud of the leadership that can be found in the Regimental Staff of the Class of 1995. Much has been demanded of them and they have met these challenges with vigor and a determination that makes commanding a Corps much easier. Three other work horses that must be mentioned are the Battalion Commanders. This outstanding working relationship between the Reg Staff and the Battalion Commanders made things run much smoother than years past. Cadre was extremely professional and demanding, under the leadership of Tim Miller, the Regimental Executive Officer. Surrounded by a hard working staff, he worked well with the new administration and the First Class President by distinguishing between Cadre as training and as the introduction of the Ratline. Wade Dunford was the ideal man for S-1. He helped the accountability system run more efficiently, and he effectively demanded more responsibilities from the guard teams. Sam West as S-2 had the unwanted job of monitoring rat grades. He came up with some innovative ways to stress the importance of academics to the Rats. Despite the long hours and hard work, Sam was one of the few on the staff that did not allow his own grades to slip in the process. Drew Warren in the role of S-3 was my right hand man. He helped us get our feet on the ground quickly with parade sequence and football marchdowns. Drew spent countless hours with Maj. Simpson working out a company room training schedule that reflected a real military organization. I do not know where I would be without him. Geoff Blum as S-4 did an outstanding job making things run smoothly for the Corps. He looked out for the day to day needs of the Corps. He had a big job with the logistical problem in the new Annex. He was a valuable asset to the staff. Allen Dean as S-5, what more can I say? Allen must be the most politically incorrect person I have ever met. Sometimes we held our breath when he was being interviewed on the court case, not knowing what he would say in favor of staying all-male. He did a great job as Public Relations Captain. John Devlin as S-6 really helped us bridge the gap with the athletes and the Corps. He was an outstanding liaison with coaches and team captains. John worked hard as a member of the staff and as a member of the football team.
Any praise that the leadership of the Class of 1995 receives, should and must be contributed to the hard work of these men.

Sean J. Burke
Regimental Commander

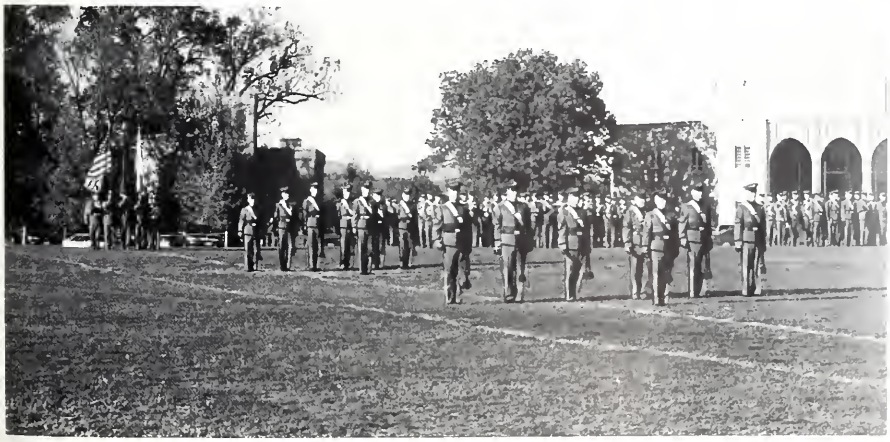
Julian Rivera
Regimental S-1 SGT

Charles Bott
Regimental S-2 SGT

Jason Malo
Regimental S-3 SGT

Chad Kaschak
Regimental S-4 SGT

John Adams
Regimental S-5 SGT



Joseph DuBose
Regimental S-6 SGT

COLOR GUARD

Russell McGuire
Regimental SGM

William Stearman
Color SGT

Shannon Hume
Color SGT

James Richardson
Color SGT

John McElroy
Color SGT

Harri Humaloja
Color SGT

Michael Solovey
Color SGT

Andrew Clark
Rifle Bearer

1ST BATTALION STAFF

Geoffrey Taylor
Executive Officer

Raymond Jaklitsch
Commander

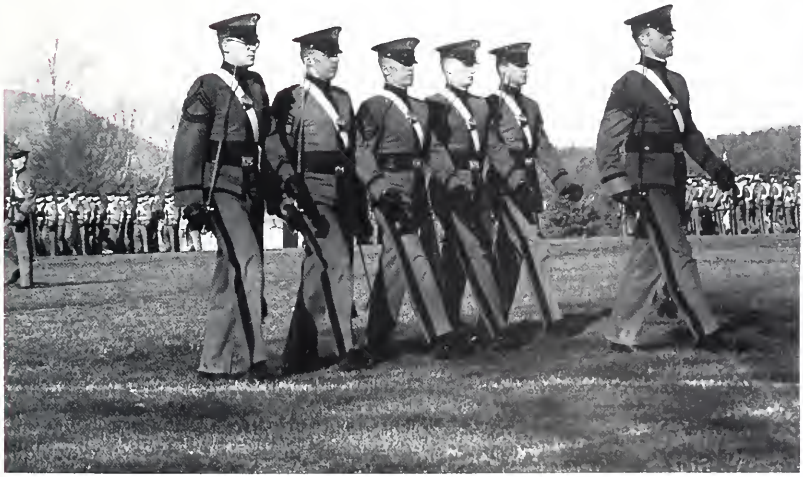
Stuart Mallory
Battalion S-1

Anthony Meador
Battalion S-2

James Bird
Battalion S-3

Alan Stankovich
Battalion S-4

Arie Richards
Battalion S-5



Jason Pifer
Battalion S-6

Lawson Fanney
Battalion SGM

2ND BATTALION STAFF

Brian Kellner
Commander

William Percival
Executive Officer

Dennis Lucente
Battalion S-1

Jolyon Constable
Battalion S-2

Fred Killmeyer
Battalion S-3

James Jones
Battalion S-4

Brian Ucciardi
Battalion S-5

Rich Pitchford
Battalion S-6

Mark Carter
Battalion SGM

3RD BATTALION STAFF

Jeffrey Ryan
Executive Officer

Daniel Williams
Commander

Elvin Cabrera
Battalion S-1

Richard Hauben
Battalion S-2

Bradley Moses
Battalion S-3

Eric Fegley
Battalion S-4

Kevin Hershberger
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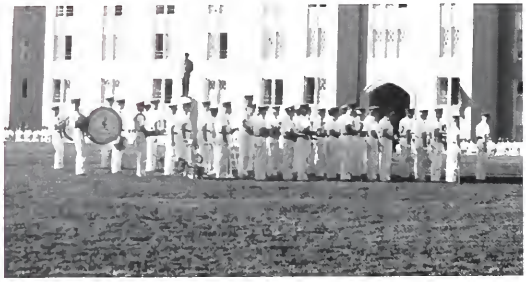
Mark Wysong
Battalion S-6

Michael Waltz
Battalion SGM

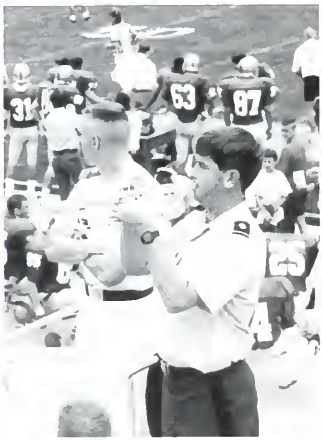
REGIMENTAL BAND



Practice, Practice, Practice, that's whats Band Company does the most.

The VMI regimental band is an integral part of the corps of cadet Its mission is to provide music to the corps's many events, ce emonies, and drills alike. Band company, besides being a fu strength company, also has many different subunits, which off more advanced musical opportunities to interested cadets. The different groups include the Commandant's own brass ensemble, th Commanders, brass quintet, the sax quartet, and the VMI heral trumpets. By traveling near and far to fulfill many appearan requests, the band has helped to enhance the public's view of th corps. In preparing these many groups, as well as the whole band, f their musical engagements, much practice is needed. At all of the practices, one will find the driving force behind the band, Maj John Brodie, VMI '92 (Hon), regimental band director of eig years. With his limitless enthusiasm, and the musical talent of th cadets in this company, band company should continue to liven u parades and enhance the corps' image everywhere!

by J. Scott Lan



Major John Brodie leads the Band in drumming up support for the Football team.

Attention all Men! A formation is imminent

The Drum Line prepares to drum down the evening marchdown.

THE COMPANIES

Band Company
Alpha Company
Bravo Company
Charlie Company
Delta Company
Echo Company
Foxtrot Company
Golf Company
Hotel Company
India Company

Ryan J. Feeney
Commander

Kenneth M. Jambor
Executive Officer

Christopher K. Fuller
Lieutenant
Hector B. Migliacci
Lieutenant
Lakei C. Evans
Lieutenant

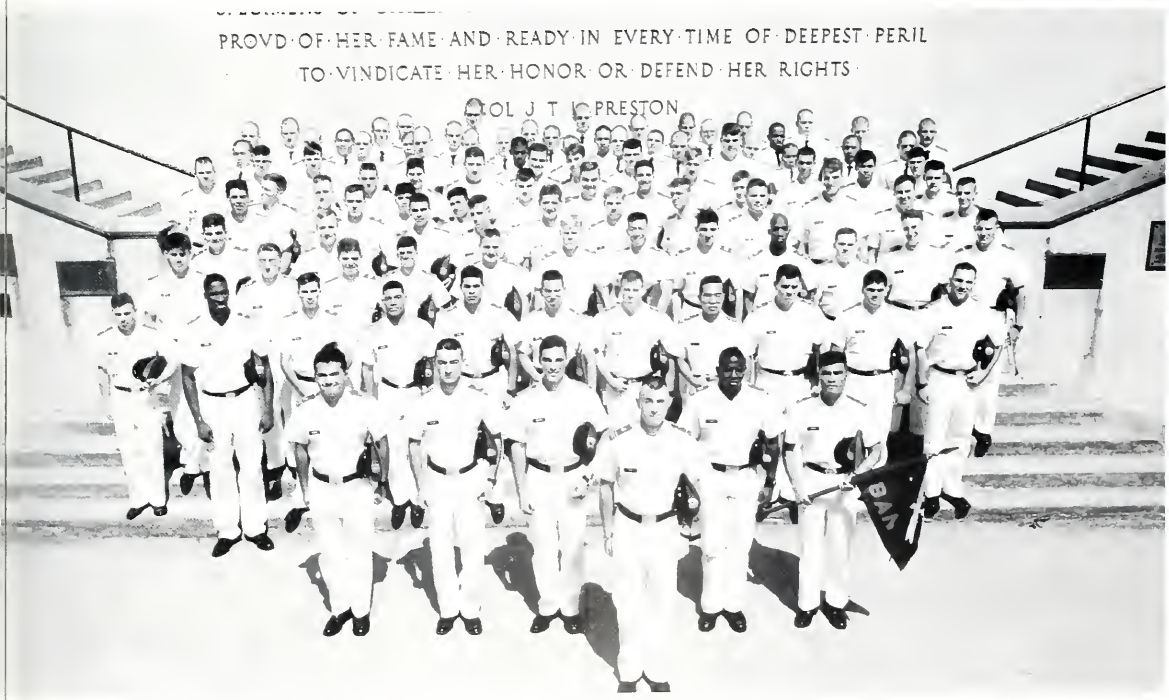
Mannoel B. Gorospe
Guidon
Anthony G. Gray
First Sergeant
Lee C. Freeman
Master Sergeant
Mark D. Townsend
Operations Sergeant

BAND

Band Company is usually the spotlight of mockery, but little do most people realize, we are the epitomes of talent and diversity. We have proven ourselves through winning Garnett Andrews, Mardi Gras, and many other awards of distinction. We are a unique company in that we have musical abilities and can successfully execute all the duties of a line company. The Band performs often throughout the year in different parts of the nation, representing VMI, and upholding the standards of the Institute. It sometimes seems as if we will never stop playing and marching, but I believe that we have had our share of fun simultaneously. All these factors blend us into the most unified and tight knit company on the hill. I am grateful for joining Band Company. There are many people I have met, past, present, and future leaders of the company, who have made a lasting impression on me. I have had the privilege of leading the company both administratively and musically, and although it sometimes became hectic, I enjoyed every minute of it. I want to thank my Band Company Brother Rats for an interesting and exciting four years, you all made this place worth while. I want to wish the entire company good luck in their future endeavors.

by Ryan J. Feeney

Blood Thirsty Band



Brandon Cornett
Commander

Scott Neville
Executive Officer

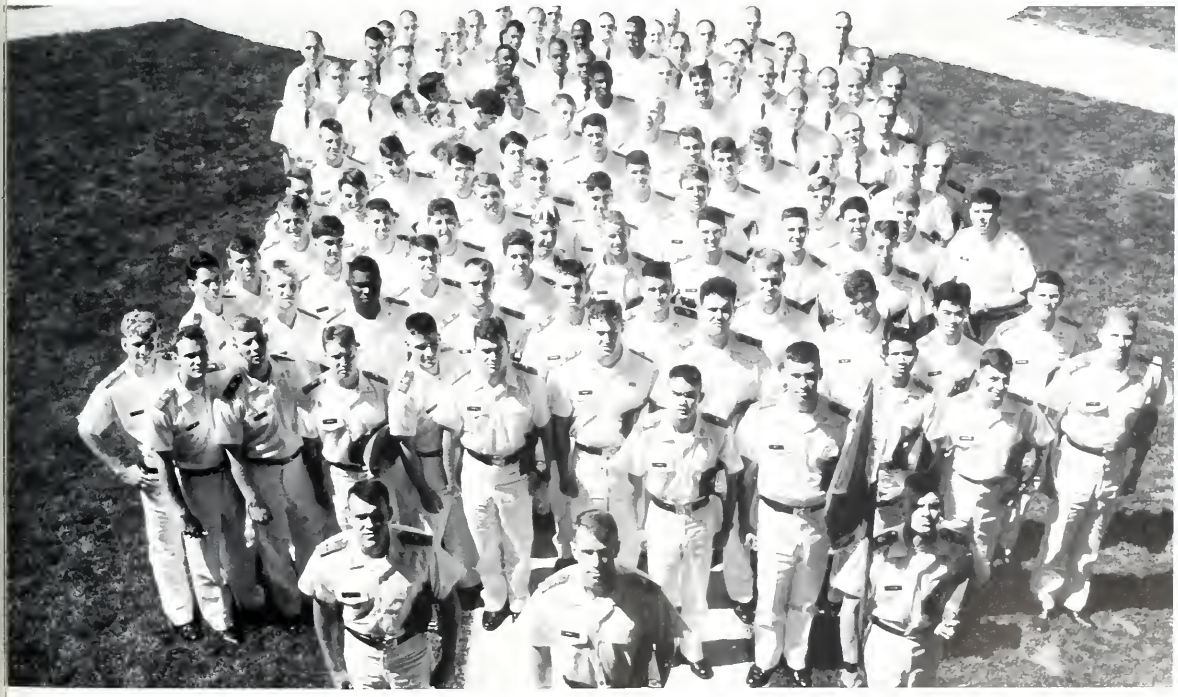
Brett Matthews
Lieutenant
Steven Chojnacki
Lieutenant
Fredrick Werth
Lieutenant

David Tillar
Guidon
Matt Tyrell
First Sergeant
Joshua Hawkins
Master Sergeant
K. J. Lackey
Operations Sergeant

ALPHA

Having been with Alpha Company for only a short time, I cannot comment on how the company has changed and developed over the years. I can however, say some things about Alpha that I do know, the Alpha of '94-95. There is much variety in this company that I have not seen in others. There are people from all walks of life that have a sundry of ideas and attitudes about the Institute. One common thread among them is that of pride, a pride in their company, in their school, and what is most important, in themselves. This creates great cohesion and camaraderie within the company. I came in as Company Commander from outside Alpha, and I wondered how they would respond to an "outsider" with new policies and standards. I can sum up their response with on word: cooperation. I would like to thank everyone in Alpha for their cooperation and acceptance on their part, which truly made for a good year. I would also like to thank the cadre for an outstanding job. Good luck to all of you in the years to come! by Brandon R. Cornett

MIGHTY ALPHA



Kevin Price
Commander

Christian Averett
Executive Officer

Derek Secrist
Lieutenant
Aron Buss
Lieutenant
Charlie Branch
Lieutenant

Richard Fontanilla
Guidon
James Tinguely
First Sergeant
Kenneth McCoy
Master Sergeant
Douglas Bartlett
Operations Sergeant

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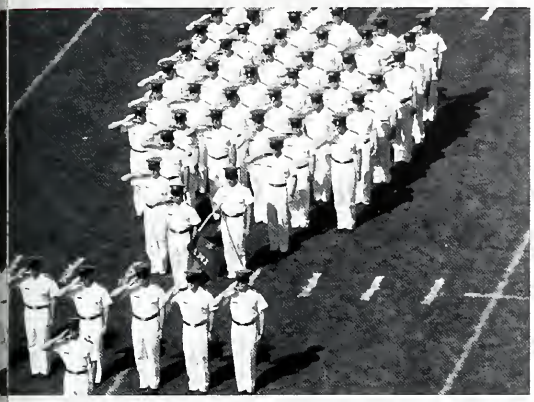
BRAVO



Being in Bravo for four years, I can honestly say that we are one, big, happy, family. The people in Bravo are filled with inspiration and they never cease to try hard at everything that comes their way. To the Class of '95, good luck in the future. We seem to be the closest company in the Corps, even after four years. Second Classmen, You are too close to the end, do not give up. Thirds, this is a hard year, see it through. Next year will be promising and even closer to graduation. To the Rats, stick it out and never quit. "Quitters never win and winners never quit." Keep all the traditions alive and always do your best. Good luck to all. Ball Bustin' Bravo will always shine.

By Chris Grimes

Ball Busting Bravo

Michael Paxton
Commander

Mark Lacy
Executive Officer

Michael Johnson
Lieutenant
Zachariah Becker
Lieutenant
Brian Richie
Lieutenant

Damian Desmond
Guidon
Ethan Astor
First Sergeant
Bryan Cooke
Master Sergeant
Nathaniel Straub
Operations Sergeant

CHARLIE

On 13 August 1991 a group of young men entered Jackson Arch as members of Charlie Company for the first time. After surviving Alex Deverona, and his nine-fingered counterparts fury for seven long months, these men earned the right to breakout, and the privileges of being in the best company on the hill. Charlie hardly ever wins parade, or any Garnett Andrews Awards, and is considered "Cold Beer Charlie" to the hard-core companies, but whenever it is called for, old "Cold Steel" pulls through. To say that Charlie company has a unique outlook on VMI is an understatement. Many cadet captains have taken command of Charlie with grand plans of turning us around to the rest of the corps way of thinking. Within a few weeks of taking over they have all come around to our way of thinking. Several cadets from that original group of young men that lived from room 409 to 406 have turned into the leaders of the corps. Charlie produced the Class of 1995's vice-president, three members of the 1994-95 Regimental Staff, including the Regimental Commander, a battalion commander, and several Lt's, within the Corps of Cadets, and most importantly the Promaji Club President. Even with its slack attitude it is easy to see that Charlie produces a fine group of men. To all of the members of Charlie who matriculated on that warm summer day in August of 1991, we only have on thing to say: "bodies, bodies, bodies!"

by Kendall J. Clarke and Edwin R. Consolvo

Cold Steel Charlie

Matthew Russell
Commander

Randolph Agee
Executive Officer

Damian Wilborne
Lieutenant
Chad Bourne
Lieutenant
Todd Glasser
Lieutenant

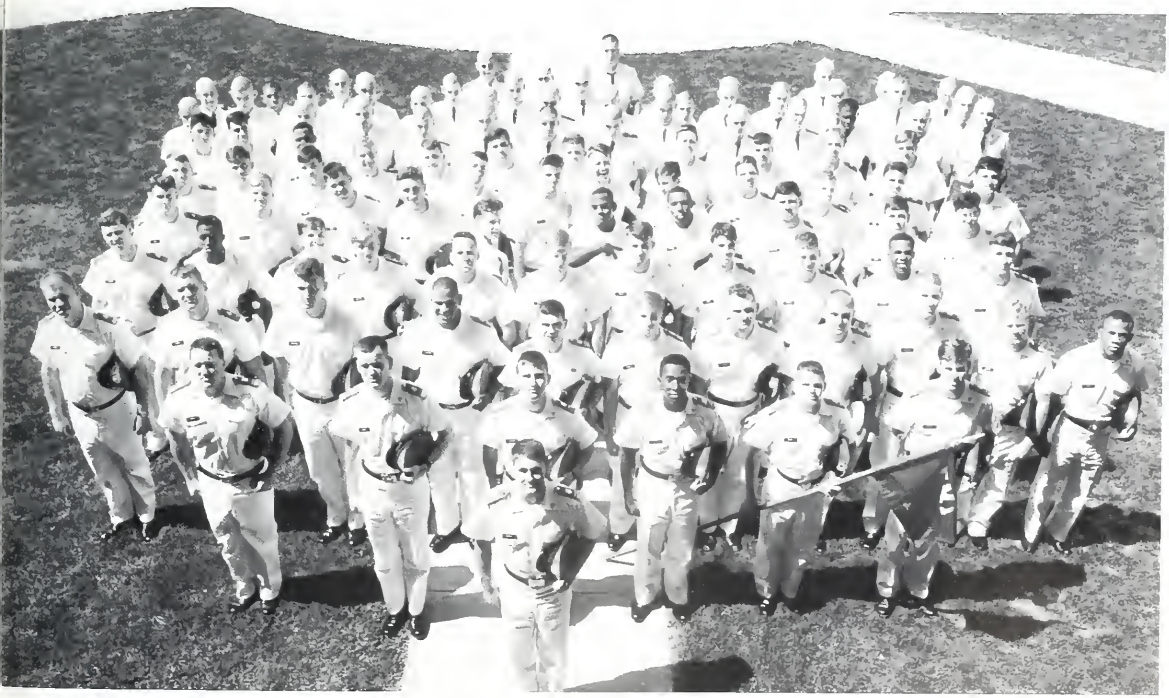
Joseph Doyle
Guidon
Geoffrey Weidner
First Sergeant
Thomas Hart
Master Sergeant
Steven Taylor
Operations Sergeant

DELTA

Before I begin I first want to thank all of you in Delta for making me feel at home in a new company. I came to Delta with expectations of a "cool breeze" company... and you all proved me right in that respect, but what I didn't expect was the overall willingness to help out anytime I asked for it. I want to thank Randy and the rest of my cadre and staff for great work and work ethic. You all have really been the best. And last but god knows not least I want to thank the privates of Delta. No company in the world will run without the help of the privates, and you all have done more for me than you know. Finally, to you that stay behind keep up the good work and good luck from Delta '95.

by Matt Russell

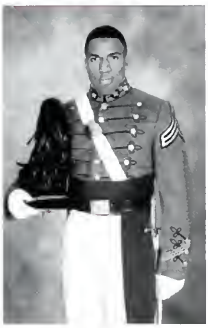
Mad Dog Delta



William Taliaferro
Commander

Todd Chambers
Executive Officer

Jonathan Mayo
Lieutenant
Quincy Meade
Lieutenant
Lester Johnson
Lieutenant



Paul Hayes
Guidon
Michael Mcfadden
First Sergeant
Abram Charlton
Master Sergeant
Robert Smith
Operations Sergeant

ECHO

Tiger Echo, the sh*# bag company of the Corps, has once again weaseled through another year. The bonding among Echo is like no other company. From late nights on the fifth stoop, to the closing minutes of The Palms, we have done it together. Instances such as these are what bound Echo together. I charge you with upholding the high standards of Echo and leave you with the following thought to ponder . . . "Let the religious element in man's nature be neglected, let him be influenced by no higher motives that self interest, and subjected to no stronger restraint than the limit of civil authority, and he becomes the creature of selfish passion or bland fanaticism."

by Lloyd Taliferro

Tiger Echo

John Stann
Commander

Christopher Barkocy
Executive Officer

Todd Rupright
Lieutenant
Flavius Tyson
Lieutenant
Bryan Woolsey
Lieutenant

William Eger
Guidon
John Di Dio
First Sergeant
James Zepko
Master Sergeant
Elias Wahesh
Operations Sergeant

FOXTROT

I knew it would be an interesting year as a company commander when, on my first day back, Maj. Simpson threatened to drop me for pushups if I ever called my company "F-Troop" again. My experiences as a company commander are, perhaps, one of the most stressful, frustrating and time-consuming activities I've ever done. But it is also, by far, the most fulfilling. In retrospect, not only am I glad to have had the responsibilities of company commander, but I consider myself lucky to have "commanded" F-Troop. All I have been told about the company is true. It is a tight and proud company with it's own traditions. I want to thank the staff for all it's support and the entire company for welcoming me into it's ranks.

by John F. Stann

F - Troop

Larry Burris
Commander

Gavin Bruno
Executive Officer

Matthew Reiner
Lieutenant
Thomas Brashears
Lieutenant
Curtis Webster
Lieutenant

Michael Castellano
Guidon
Chris Antonelli
First Sergeant
Michael Obaldal
Master Sergeant
Jethro Piland III
Operations Sergeant

Golf

As you all know the class of 95 is slowly winding its way down to the end of the year, and long awaited graduation. We, the members of Golf that remember the days of company room with Keith Franz, or more affectionately known as "Monkey", realize how much we have to be proud of. Brother Rats, we have been through a lot, and have many more trials and tribulations left to go, but we know that we will stand tall and proud in the end. To the members of Golf from '96, '97, and even the rats of '95+3. We have done our best to train you in the ways of VMI men, and you have succeeded with flying colors. Good Luck to all of you in the future. I guess that's it, until next time.

by C. E. Webster

Blood and Guts Golf

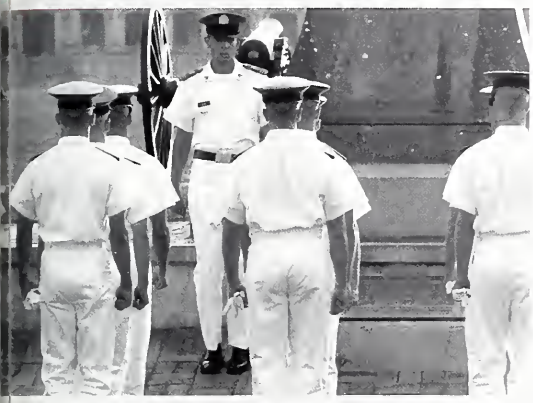
Jeremy Ingram
Commander

Ante Sucic
Executive Officer

Alexis Bouchard
Lieutenant
Jay Ferriola
Lieutenant
Linden Fravel
Lieutenant

Christopher Wills
Guidon
Jeffrey Mozgala
First Sergeant
Joshua Lewis
Master Sergeant
Peter Ehlers
Operations Sergeant

HOTEL



"Pressing Up the Hill of Science" may be the stated goal of the corps, but in Hotel not everyone is charging hard in that direction. In fact, quite a few of us spent the year plummeting off the cliff of liberal arts or engineering. At least we made a flashy show along the way. Hotel maintained its character despite the uncertainties of living under a new Commandant. Again, we attritted the most Rats, busted the most cadre members, and had the highest percentage of #1's. We also kept our place in the forefront of the Corps militarily, academically, and athletically. Many thanks to the officers who endured countless officers' calls and many more thanks to the 1st class Pvt's who marched parades for the first time in the memory of the Corps. You may not have done it with good grace, but you did it well. When you come back as fat, senile alumni, you will be justified in droning on about how hard it was back in the "Old Corps." 2nd's, you run the show now. Do well. 3rd's, you ate the standard fare, but thats behind you. Look forward to Ring Figure and graduation. Rats, you survived the ratline rigors. As upperclassmen, you must protect yourselves from the Institute. It is your duty to preserve our dykeline's legacy: be relaxed and the best class in barracks.

by Rob Davis and Jeremy Ingram

Hard Charging Hotel

Michael Bernard
Commander

Mark Womble
Executive Officer

John Brooks
Lieutenant
August Kraft
Lieutenant
Robert Steele
Lieutenant

Eric Schwartz
Guidon
Needham Hall II
First Sergeant
Shawn Callahan
Master Sergeant
Mark Foutz
Operations Sergeant

INDIA

Although my time with India has been short, I have learned a lot from each of you. I have learned the power of positive reinforcement. I have learned that there are better ways to persuade people to perform for you than to bone them. I want to thank my staff, Garth Winterle, Witt (the peacenik) Hall, Shawn Callahan, Mark Foutz and all of the corporals, for making my job one of the easiest in the Corps. To whoever is the lucky recipient of this fine group of hard chargers next year, I have but one bit of advice: If you treat your subordinates as leaders, they will do all that you ask of them. Micro-management has been the key to failure for too many people at this school.

by Mike Bernard

Iron Clad India

Corps of CADETS

Leadership of the Corps for the Corps

Above: These Second Classmen, on their way back from a marvellous supper in the superb Crozet Mess Hall, show their support for the Cadet leadership on the General Committee.

Below: Rat Disciplinary Committee President Michael Paxton addresses the Rat Mass. The RDC is a major source of leadership for the Rat Mass and sets an example for the rest of the Corps.

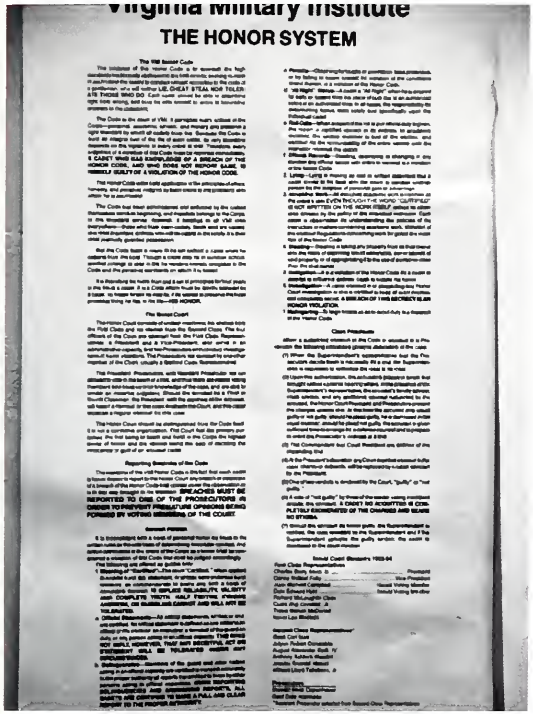
THE 1995 HONOR COURT

Above: The 1995 Honor Court. (L-R) Seated: William Lloyd Taliaferro, Jr.; Prosecutor, Brian Carl Blue; President, Jolyon Robert Constable; Prosecutor. Standing: Christopher Robert Gorman, Michael Anthony Obadal, Dennis Richard Lucente, Jr., Mark Andrew Lacy, August Alexander Kraft, IV; Senior Voting Member, Anthony Ashlock Meador; Vice -President, Timothy Duane Miller, Michael Leon Bernard, Benjamin Muhammad Venning, Michael Shawn McFadden, Christopher Joshua Keesal.

Our Honor System was created by cadets in an attempt to promote an honorable conduct as a way of life for all men who attended the Virginia Military Institute. For the most part over a hundred and fifty years, they have succeeded.

For over the past 150 years the Honor Court has implemented one single sanction for any offense. Men who were tried by the Honor Court and found guilty faced immediate dismissal. Cadets of the past guarded their honor jealously; men who violated the Honor Code were not accepted by the Corps of Cadets. Today's standard, regrettably, is somewhat different. The Honor Court is not always given the full support of the Corps. Many cadets place their loyalty to their friends above their obligation to the Honor System. This makes our job increasingly difficult and weakens a once cherished system. There are still many cadets who keep the faith and try to uphold the Code. However, without the support of the entire Corps our efforts are futile and our honor System will become a part of VMI's history.

Brian C. Blue
President
VMI Honor Court 1994-1995



Virginia Military Institute

THE HONOR SYSTEM

Above: The Honor Court sheet can be found in every room in Barracks, and whithin every academic building. It outlines the fundamental applications of the Honor Code.

Of the Corps, By the Corps, For the Corps.

It is the mission of the VMI Honor Court to instill in the Corps of Cadets the highest sense of personal honor. The Court seeks to acheive this end by teaching and guiding the Corps to this end, and when called upon to do so, must decide the disposition of a cadet accused of lying, cheating, stealing, or tolerating those who do. The Court is composed of sixteen members of the Corps of Cadets, ten from the First Class, and six from the Second Class. Members of the Court are voted upon by their Brother Rats, and are generally regarded as highly respected cadets, as well as excellent role models. Honor Court Members are available at any time to the Corps to provide guidance and advice on the myraid aspects of VMI life. This year the Honor Court held a mock trial intended to inform members of the Corps on the procedures of the Court, which is sealed to protect the privacy of the accused and to prevent the attachment of undue stigma.

Left: Members of the Honor Court during the mock trial.

General Committee

The General Committee is the governing body of the Class System at Virginia Military Institute. It is the embodiment of the Class system, which functions under the principle that Class Unity is more important than the military rank structure. This is upheld by granting more power to the class structure than to the military system. Thus, although the First classman may be a private, he wields more power than the first sergeant who is a Second classman. Seniority counts more than rank. The intent of this method is to build unity within each class, and use the military rank structure to build professionalism in each cadet who holds rank.

The General Committee is charged with the policing of the Corp's conduct. Every Cadet is aware of the responsibilities inside and outside of the Barracks and must uphold them. These principally consist of acting with gentlemanly conduct, ensuring that he does not embarrass the Corps of Cadets in public, and following the established guidelines for class privileges. If he fails, then a summons to the G.C. may result. Beyond this function, the members of the G.C. are present to provide leadership to the Corps in general, and to serve as representatives of the Class to Administration and Public.

Top: Class of 1995 Edward Randall IV, President Mark Hagan, Vice President Shannon Lucas, Historian
Middle: Class of 1996 Lawson Fanney, President Stewart Holt, Vice President Jon Buchanan, Historian
Bottom: Class of 1997 Christopher Strock, President Addison Hagan IV, Vice President Ralph Costen, Historian

Rat Discipline Committee

Left: The 1995 RDC President, Mike Paxton Vice, President Charlie Branch Secretary, Elvin Cabrera. Left to Right Standing: Kevin Price, Brett Matthews, Rick Franco, Mark Wysong, Scott Neville, Drew Warren, Rich Pitchford, Brandon Cornett, Rick Killmeyer, Gavin Bruno, Lee Grimes, Jason Pifer.

Left: The 1996 RDC Representatives John Pierce, Ken McCoy, Travis Goerge, Mike Bunchik, Jason Malo.

The Rat Discipline Committee is a group of the most highly motivated, successfull and respected Cadets of the Second and First Class. They are charged with awesome duty of forging a Class from the Mass that matriculates each fall. Each year the RDC supervises Hell Night, the formal introduction to the Corps, numerous sweat parties, Rifle runs, forced marches and weekly meetings where the cunduct of wayward rats is the principal subject. each of these meetings is serveral hours in length and provides a grueling workout for the Rats involved. The RDC also has a large amount to say about the Rat's readiness for Breakout.

Left: Brett Matthews and Charlie Branch discuss the progress of the Rats after a RDC meeting.

Officers Of the Guard Association

The Officers of the Guard Association is composed of First Class Privates drawn from each company and a President. Their mission is to defend the rights of all cadets from undue persecution and to prevent dissention in the ranks of the Corps by solving problems within the ranks. Although only ten cadets meet compose the governing body, every First Class Private is a member of this organization.

President	Teiva A. Teriitehau
Alpha Company	Brian C. Williams
Bravo Company	Jano R. Carlson
Charlie Company	Christopher D. Hoskins
Delta Comapany	John G. Koster
Echo Company	Paul A. Hayes, III
Foxtrot Company	Jonathan D. Paxton
Golf Company	W. Vaughn Thornton
Hotel Company	Christopher W. Wills
India Company	Keith D. Burwell
Band Company	Ralph J. Ragosta, III

Regimental Guard Team

ove: Chad Tester, while serving as Officer of The uard, waits paitently for the stick to finish run-ng.

Left: The three major positions of the Guard Team plus the Tactical Officer in Barracks is posted each afternoon by the oncoming company.

Right: The sentinel marching third post outside Lejuene Hall is accosted by a Lady. Institute lore states that such kisses bring good luck.

Virgina Military Institute has maintained a standing guard team since Cadet John B. Strange took his post in the Old Courtyard on November 11, 1839. Since that time, Cadets have accepted the responsibility of the Guard. While the Institute is considerably more secure than it was then, the Guard Team still fullfills a vital role in the day to day upkeep of VMI. In addition to marching post, the Guard Team is expected to manage the checks of Post and the Corps, ensure timely delivery of messages, and provide a control for some of the more rowdy influences present in Barracks. Even as this is read, a Cadet walks post in the Old Courtyard.

elow: The Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard go rth to conduct another check of the PX as Trey Tyson proceeds his room.

Above: Corporal of the Relief Kevin Vallerie directs the folding of the national Colors following retreat. The Guard Team raises and lowers the Colors in addition to many other duties.

Class of 1995

Fide Vivere & Virtute Morte

Edward Randall III President,
Mark Kincer, Vice President,
Shannon Mikal Lucas Historian.

On the Bricks and in Barracks. The First class is charged with the corp's leadership.

Randolph T. Agee

History / Special Student

Rage

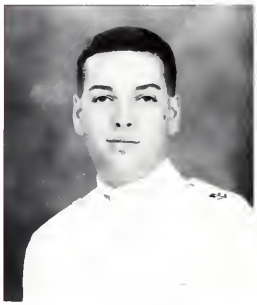
Mechanicsville, VA

VMI ERT 4, 3, 2, 1; President VMI ERT 2; Ranger Co 3; Recruiting 3, 2; Pamunkey River Club 4, 3, 2, 1; PKDPP 3, 2, 1; D Co XO 1; Sgt 2; Cpl 3

After four years, I'm still asking if it was worth it? We'll see! Kelly, you put up with a lot. I couldn't have asked for more. You've been my best friend. Love ya! Mom, Dad, Lee, it hasn't been easy, but the light is in the tunnel. Thank you! "Fro", remember who did strain who. See you on the river with a MGD in hand. Jeff, "Spazmo" Ryan, good luck in the entrepeneurship enterprise. To the "dykes", "anytime you think you can, you can't." Brett and Kipp, thanks for the beer, and lots of laughs! To the rest of ya, "If I don't see ya by matin' season, Well-you know". To my Delta Rats, best of luck!

Dykes 1993: Rick Robinson
1998: Joey Bates

John J. Ambler



Biology / Marine Corps

Ramblin

Franktown, VA

Rifle Team, Drill Team, Trident and Semper Fi Societies, Canterbury Club, S-5 Tour Guide

Special Thanks To: Skip, Momma, Dad, Sarah, Sen. Gray, the Pattersons, Col. Ripley, Scott, Bob, Tim, Jason, J.D., Woodberry, and everybody else (so as not to leave anyone out). AKA The Midnight Rambler, Bambler, Varsity Guitar, Doom at 3 A. M., Mess Hall Madness; Broke just about every major rule on a regular basis; Has anyone seen my bike?; Where did I park my car?; Oh, Ghinko Boluba!; VMI Football & Jim Beam; Look behind the mirror in 185; Spring Break '94 in the Bahamas with the Land of Gow; Woodberry to Hamden Sydney to VMI, Roomed with Benz, Case, and Gowland and lived to tell about it.

Dykes 1992: Tim "T.J." Jordan
1998: J. D. "18" Wheeler
Jason "Cluebag" Klobuchar

Christian M. Averett

History /Air Force

Kipp, @#&$*!

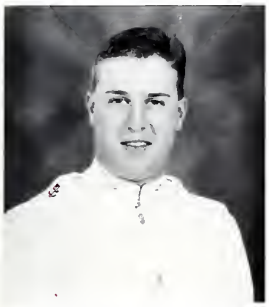
Colonial Heights, VA

Pvt 3; Sgt 2; B Co XO 1; Cadet Battery 4, 3, 2,
Little John II 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 2, 1; Colle
Republicans 3, 2, 1; AAS 2, 1; Dean's List 2

I remember a terrified 18yr old on August 1
1991 questioning his selection of colleges. I
nally, I got past the stage of denial and admitt
that my choice was right. I couldn't have mad
without the love and support of many people. Fi
and foremost I must thank my family. Mo
Dad and Lorri-there aren't words to express r
gratitude. Brett, you've been great. We've dra
many beers, driven many miles, and cussed ma
people together. You're like a brother to me
wish you the best. Todd, Snow, Payne, and Wel
you guys trained us well. Thanks to the Radfo
girls. I appreciate you giving me a place to sha
up. Dykes-Work hard and play HARDER. Bra
Rats-Make me proud. I would also like to tha
the Lord for friends like Carl Lowe, Fulk, Ag
Pifer, Thornton and Nathan Gray. You guys ma
it worthwhile.

Dykes 1992: Tony Sexton
1998: Steve Haas, Jason Fye

Brett S. Badgett



History/Air Force

Badge Daddy

Colorado Springs, CO
D Co Cadre Cpl, A Co Msgt, A Co Plt Lt, and in the end A Co 1st class pvt; Varsity Football 1

Well fellas, it's been fun. "Action Jackson"...I never had a brother of any kind, but that is how I have always thought of you. You and I went everywhere together, every weekend and I wouldn't trade it for the world. To "Joe-boo," I was sad to see you leave on your year's vacation to S.D., but I was glad you made it back to finish with us. Don't ever change J.B. and be sure to keep the dip in your BOTTOM lip. Always remember the good times in room 150. To Ed IV, our after taps B.S. sessions I will always remember with a smile. SOUP DU JOUR!!!...What's That??!! To my dykes, good luck and hold tight with a leather fist because it is a rough ride. Hey Dad...your school bites!! Dad and Betsey, thank you both for everything. I couldn't have made it through here without you. Mom, leaving home was the toughest thing I ever had to do. Thank you for making coming back again so great. You are the greatest.

Dykes 1992: Allen Lunsford
1998: Henry Ehrgot

Gary T. Bailey

Econ-Business/Special Student

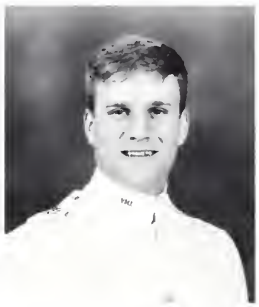
Beatle, Jimmy B.

Richmond, VA
Rat 4; Pvt. 3; T.O. & SGT 2; S.B. Pvt 1; Rugby 4, 3, 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Hunting-Fishing-Fourwheelin-Lifetime drunken member

I would tell you how I can't believe it's finally over, but I can't because it isn't. Shocked huh? My dyke told me that the four years at the "T" would go quick, well they have but that extra year might not. I want to thank my parents for all of the support that y'all gave me. I know it was hard for y'all. If it hadn't been for y'all I would never have come back after taking time off. If there is one thing that I will learn, it would be to listen to what y'all tell me. I want to thank Danny, it takes a heck of a good friend to live with me for three years. You helped me through the rough times, and you were there for a lot of the good times. As for you Byram, what can I say, you are like a brother. Thanks a lot guys, now lets party!!!!

Dykes 1992: Fitz 'Smart Boy' Drummond
1998: Matt "Spazz Boy" Guise
Matt "Frat Boy" Rowell

John L. Baker



History/Special Student

Action Jackson

Buchanan, VA
Varsity Football; Track; Monogram Club; Big Red Club; Dean's List Student; D Co. Lt

Well guys, it has been quite a ride, but we finally made it. Brett, we have done nearly everything together from concerts to John's farm to getting rowdy to even going back to football. I'll miss you, good luck, and one of these days we will meet again in that heavenly place called Spurs. J. B, if Brett has been my brother, then you must have been my father. You sure are old enough and always offering advice. Just remember, the Honor Court does not give "old yells." Roomies, I don't know what this place would have been like without you'll and I don't think I want to find out. You guys have been the best. Mom and Dad, thanks for all you two have done for me the last twenty two years. Finally, good luck dykes and long live the spirit of room 150.

Dykes 1992: Allen Lunsford
1998: Andy Rife

Christopher Barkocy

Civil Engineering / Army

Chickenhawk, Divothead

Rockway, NJ

Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; F Troop XO 1; Ranger Challenge 4, 3, 2, 1; Ranger Company 2; W&L Band 4; Barracks Beer Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Midnight Rappel Team 2, 1; Enviro Confinement 2, 1

Four years ago I had no idea where I wanted to go to college. For some strange reason I chose VMI not really knowing what to expect. The ratline was the ratline, there were good days and bad days. My dykes tried to show me what to do and how to survive. I worked on my grades and tried hard not to fall asleep in classes. Breakout finally came and we didn't have to strain any more which made this place seem almost nice for a little while. Your dyke wasn't there to watch over you and I began to learn that this place sucks. Well third class year came and went and I found myself going to summer school involuntarily. Second class year started and I found myself contracting with the Army. I received my class ring and found my grades getting worse and eventually made it through. It ended up being the worst six weeks of my life. Well first class year is well on its way and things are going good. Mom and dad thanks for all of the encouragement, support, and care packages. To all of my brother rats, good luck in whatever you do.

Dykes 1992: Bill "Bucky" Buckner
1998: Mike Baumgardner

Fred E. Bates

History-I.S./Marine Corps

Fredrock, Rock

Richmond, Virginia

Football 4; Rugby 3; Powerlifting Team 2, Co-Captain 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Academic Pro 4; Dean's List 2,1; Semper Fi Society 3; VMI Firefighters 1; Stud Boy 4, 3, 2, 1

It has been four long years and I still do not deserve this punishment. This place is terrible but it makes up with experiences and friends I will never forget. Ed "let's go to Four Comers" Gosline keep your head down in the Army, and stop drinking that Tequilla. Chuck you will always be the mighty Coco. S.G. the toilets will never be the same once you leave VMI, "Pass me the Cheese knife". Dominick, you will always be a VMI man and my Brother Rat. To my Dad, thanks for giving me stubborn ways. Mom, thanks for showing me not to take things harshly. To my brother and sisters, thanks for being my extra parents. Also, I would like to thank the rest of my hillbilly family for their support. I feel sorry for the dykes of 130, three more years, Sac give me deltas. Craig don't let the USMC brainwash you. Like John Wayne would say "saddle up, move em out", I'm outta here!

Dykes 1992: Chris Smith
1998: Paul "Sac" Sakellariou
Craig "The Pollock" Osiewicz

Erik N. Bauserman

Mechanical Eng. / Air Force

Baus, FrankenBaus

Luray, Va

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Assistant 1; Aft
Taps JMU seeker

It's funny where life leads you sometime
Though I only applied to one college, I still co
tend I was on my way to a real college and it w
a wrong turn off I-81 that deposited me at t
gates of a place called VMI back in '91. I gue
looking back, I don't regret it. My stay here h
truly been a life changing experience. I've had
full and varied cadetship. From running of pe
ods to running of the block there's been som
really good times. Thanks Mom and Dad for
you've done and to you too Col. Trandel for t
occasional kick in the seat. Mark and Mik
you're turning out to be good rats, and soon- goo
cadets. Roberta, thank you for all the ways you'
touched my life there will always be a place f
you in my heart- I love you. And now, into t
unknown (thank god). Brother rats of '95, goo
luck guys, see you all at the first reunion.

Dykes 1992: Jason Dylik
1998: Mark Cox, Mike Upshaw

Charles E. Bayless

Econ. Bus / Air Force

Chuck, Coco

Tucson, AZ

Rugby 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's list 3, 1; Dean's other list 4; CIG 2; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Tired 4, 3, 2, 1; Procrastinating 4, 3, 2, 1; Gone 2, 1; anging on 2, 1; Rm 130 movie club 1; Palms patron 1

"Imagination is more important than knowledge" A. EinsteinV.M.I. has taught me a lot of things. One of the most important being how to come up with imaginative solutions to my problems. After four years of answering a special, getting out of mil duty, running the block, or just plain getting around the system. I have mastered the art of coming up with spur of the minute solutions to things. Though some of the credit must go to my roommates Fred, Ed, and SG without whom I probably wouldn't have gotten into trouble in the first place. All in all it's been a fun four years (I think). Dykes I hope we've done our job well and shown you all the correct way to get through this place. I hope I will survive the "real world" as well as I have this place. I'm out of here.

Dykes 1992: Pat Schuller
1998: Mark "Space Cadet" Smith

Zachariah M. Becker

History / Air Force

Beaker

New Britain, CT

Fencing 1, 2, 3, 4; Newman Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Militaria Society 1, 2, 3, 4; Binge Drinkers Club1, 2, 3, 4; Sex Therapist 1, 2, 3, 4

I cannot say that the four years spent at the Institute have been the best of my life... but they definitely have been the most interesting. How many college students can say they paid for abuse??? I can thank my brother rats for the good times and support needed to get through, my mother for the expenses incurred attending here, and Patricia for the love she gave me when I was down. John, I don't think I could have had a better roomate in the world... OH the realms we have seen! Sean, you were the best dyke a rat could have...thanks for the good times. Terry and Mike... Hang in there. This hole will be over before you know it.

Dykes 1992: Sean Alewine
1998: Mike Supon
Terry McGwiren

Michael L. Bernard

C. E. / Special Student

Barnyard, Bernie

Stuarts Draft, VA

Cpl 3; RegtSgm 2; Ico CO 1; Rat Bat XO 1; Honor Court 1; RDC 2; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, Pres 1; West Point Party 'till You Puke Team

Looking back over the last four years of my life, I have to ask myself, "Why the hell did I do this to myself?" It wasn't the academics, environment, food. It was because of the friends I made. Grades come and go, penalties come and go, ranks come and go, but B.R.s are forever. I especially want to thank Sloth, Thor and Griff for keeping me from packing up and heading to Tech. A few quick comments before I wrap this up. Dave, you can't hear Jimmy! Sloth, I hate SKA. Brandon, lay off the jaws. and last but not least, Tim, you suck!!! To those of you who have not had the pleasure of being in my position, stick it out. The blood, sweat and tears you lose now are just a drop in the bucket compared to the feeling of accomplishment you will feel when the end of the tunnel is just a few steps away.

Dykes 1992: Rob Ritchie
1998: Philip Toumazatos
John Brant

James B. Bird

History / Army

Redneck, Senor, God's Country

Wytheville, VA

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 1st Bn S-3 LT.-1; Cadre 4,3,2,1; Tanker Plt 3,1; Ranger Co. 3,2; AUSA president 1; Summer School-pre-strain 3; VMI Firefighter's 3,2,1

When I look back at my four years here I don't know if I should laugh or cry. The friendships here have been great. To my rat roomates, especially "Chuckie" Jobst who got me flamed like crazy to a rat/3rd class girlfriend who made my first two years survivable. The 311 club cannot be forgotten, with redneck roomates Mark, Brian, and for a while Gabe. Then Dracula Grimes moved in and that was all she wrote. The road trip to Atlanta with the room was one to remember. Spring Break 94' was great with Chico, Doss, MacGyver, Rat Jones and especially Misty. I have to thank my family for all of their support, even though they are a bunch of HOKIES. 207 crew, keep in touch, Misty, thanks for all the support and good times. Goodbye VMI, hello real world.

Dykes 1992: Jimmy "Fathead" Stone
1998: Aaron Rygas
Tom Warburton
Uncle Beirne

Michael C. Blankenship

Econ. Bus. / Army

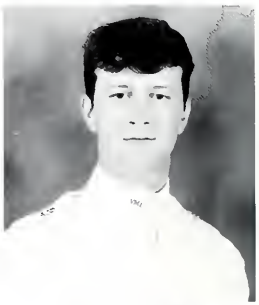
Mike

Richmond, VA

At last, it's finally here. I can remember when we were rats, it seemed as if it would be an eternity before graduation would come. Now, when I look back, it seems like a blink of an eye. Funny how time flies when you're having fun (yeah right). It's weird how I love VMI and I wouldn't have gone anywhere else, yet I've never wanted to get out of a place As much as I want to get out of here. Cheng, Jose, you were both great roommates. We had some good times, I wish you a lot of luck.. To my rats, all of you have a lot of potential, put it to good use. It's a long four years, but believe me, it's an experience like no other. Mom, Dad, Wendy, y'all have always been there for me, and I just want to say thanks. I hope one day I can give y'all as much as you've given me. Only a few get to be a part of such a unique and great tradition like VMI. I'm glad I was a part of it with the class of 1995.

Dykes 1992: Grant Dansereau
1998: Tim Berry, Jason Harding

Ricky E. Blaylock



I.S. / Special Student

Mookie

Gloucester, VA

Club 410 4, 3, 2, 1; Pres Lush Society 4, 3, 2, 1
Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; Pres CIG 1; Matador 2
Low Roller 1; Frenchy 2; AC Sgt 2

If I could sum up my cadetship in one word, (no 4 letter words) it would be Brotherhood. It al began in Club 410 with the Bravo Boys living life as Pervert rats. Weekends in the Clubhouse keeping abreast of the latest in fine mens magazines and drinking VG. Three years later, nothing has changed. Derek and Grimace thank you for allowing me to live with you for 4 years, you two are the most patient men alive. Two-tap Nurney, Mike, Matt, what can I say about wha you've meant to me throughout this ordeal? Matt thanks for showing me how to get chicks and financing my Cadetship. Fugley, Lucas, Weez and all my brothers in Pervert, you have al touched my soul (and other parts). It took a trip to France to realize how much you all mean to me Mom and Dad, thank you for your support over the past four years. It couldn't have been done without you. Remember fellas, you can take the Cadet out of Pervert but you can't take the Pervert out of a Cadet. Thank's, I love you all.

Dykes 1992: Matt Humphrey
1995: Chris Braun

Brian C. Blue

I.S.-Spanish / Navy

Blue Boy

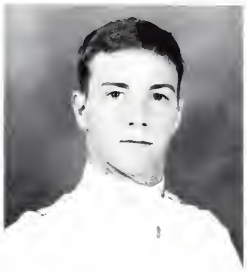
Mount Holly, New Jersey

Honor Court President 1; Second Class Rep. 2; First Corporal 3; Master Sergeant 2; Private 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2; Cadre 4, 3, 2, 1; B.C.C. Summer Scholar 4, 3, 2; Yankee 4, 3, 2, 1

"It's a big enough umbrella,
But it's always me that ends up getting wet"
-The Police

Dykes 1992: Donald Noschese
1998: Delta Co. Rats

Geoffrey E. Blum



English-I.S. / Air Force

Jawa, Geoff

Mechanicsburg, VA

Rat 4; Pvt. 3; Sgt. 2; Reg. S-4 Captain 1; Soccer 4, 3, 2, 1: Captain 2, 1; English Society 3, 2; Sigma Tau Delta (Secretary-Treasurer) 1; Dean's List, Academic Stars

The last four years have been the most shaping years of my life thus far. Undoubtedly, they have been trying times; however, they have given me a new outlook on life. I cherish the friends I've made, my successes, and the hardships I've overcome. Room 407-We all made it-in a big way, too! Dossman, Johnny D., Joltin' Jon, Tillar, and Mark, thanks for helping me through! Mike and Jimmy-you're my soccer buds for life. Mom, Dad, and Matthew-thanks for supporting my endeavors and always being there. Luke-hang in there, time flies when you're having fun! God Speed.

Dykes 1992: Jon Jeffrey
1998: Luke Miller

Justin W. Bogaty

History / Special Student

Weez, Weasel

Middleburg, VA

Ac Pro 4, 3; Conduct Pro 3; Pre Law 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School Stud; Virgin Private; Rugby 4, 3; Landsharking 4, 3, 2, 1; Elvis Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Shavers Support Team 4, 3, 2, 1

I came to VMI because my life was wreck and I needed some discipline. It took me four years to understand that discipline is not given to you by an institution, but is something you give yourself. In this search for this discipline, VMI stripped me down. The " VMI System" is unjust, prejudiced, but it is great in its own way. This system has taught me a lot about men, how to love men and how to hate men. And to friends I would like to say ... True magic is when friends walk in opposite directions, yet remain side by side. To my roomates, Buddy and Haydon thank-you both for allowing me to touch your lives and thanks for touching my life. Mom and dad so much of my life and the things I have accomplished is due to the both of you. Mom, thanks for your never ending belief in me. Finally thanks VMI for challenging me and bringing all of this out of me. "Here too the breezes that blows through the trees that lift the skirts above the knees that shows us the spot that teases and pleases. What a snatch down the hatch."

Dykes 1992: Jeff Zeigler
1998: David Bates, John Cocke

Scott T. Bosiger

E.E. / Special Student

Beef

Halifax, VA

Hop & Floor 4,3; Tres. 2; Pres. 1; 9th Cpl 3; Rugby 2,1; VMI RARO softball 2; IEEE 1; Big Red Club 2; Attacker w/ penus 2

I think the only way anyone would ever understand this place is to experience it. I never really knew what I was getting into when I came here. This place isn't really that bad, but it really sucks at times(I'm sorry mom). Blevins and Matt take everything this place throws at you in stride because if you don't you will never make it. As Big T used to say to me, "study hard that's the only way to get through this Godforsaking place." Guys thanks for being my Rats. It was a great year. BK, Chris, and Kurt, thanks for putting up with me fellows. Ya'll will always be a part of my life, and I will never forget any of you. Brett and Jack thanks for a great 1st class year. And thanks to all my BR's, especially the ones that I partied with. To all the guys I'm leaving behind, "Suck It Up". Thanks.

Dykes 1992: Mark "Big T" Thackston
1998: Matt Staton
Jimmy "Bemis" Epps

Alexis D. Bouchard

Math / Air Force

Bouch

Suffolk, VA

Water Polo 3,2,1(Captain); Illegal Car Club 3,4; Dean's list 4,2,1; Rat Challenge 2; Plt. Lt 1; Air Force Scholarship;

I'm going to make this short and sweet; just long enough to recognize those who have made a difference. First of all to my family (definitely not what you would call normal), I thank you for your love and support, but most of all, the money! Next to Linda Lee, who has made me think about what life is really about. You will always be missed. I have to pay a special repect to all of my Rat roommates, PJ, Danny, Ben, and Cregan who never thought I was going to make it. ELOE and Ben, where the hell are you! Jeff, remember you can never be to early to formation. Cregan, never stop growing. Susan, thanks! Tiny Tim and Cats@*t, good luck.

Dykes 1992: David Brugger
1998: Johnathan Catlitt
Todd Wright

Chadwick A. Bourne

Economics / Army

Chad, Stallion

Richmond, VA

Corporal 3; Master Sergeant 2; Lieutenant
Volleyball 4,3,2, Captain 1; Cadet Investme
Group 2,1; Alpha Phi Omega 2

VMI has been a constant struggle for me. Mo
and Dad, thank you for all of your love and su
port over the past four years. I really apprecia
all that you've done for me. Gene, I know y
didn't think I had it in me. Your challenge ke
me going. Terry, I know you never understo
my decision to come here. I still question m
self. Maybe one day we will find the answer.
the Stallions Thank you. Now I must commer
VMI for its one good aspect, friendship. Sco
Marlin, and Merlin, the struggle is finally ov
And to my roommates - Eric, since day o
you've been like a brother. Brian, through
you've been through, I commend you. Tony
guess all those late nights paid off for the both
us. Never lose your ' love to go deep.' A
finally Erin - Without your love I couldn't ha
made it. I can't begin to tell you how much yo
devotion has meant to me. I hope our future ho
all we have hoped for. Mike and Mike, It will
over soon.

Dykes 1992: Chris Keever
1998: Michael Kelleher
Michael Runyan

Edwin A. Boyette

E.E. / Air Force

Chef, Ez, Montana, Yetti

Big Fork, Montana

/irgin Private; Varsity Baseball 4,3,2,1; IEEE; Dean's List; SERE

. had never heard of VMI until about two months after I had graduated from high school. After waiting a year to enter here, I still had no dea of what I was getting myself into, and as of oday I am still wondering. Since coming here t seems that all I have done is work, sweat, and ose sleep. It hasn't been all bad, and I have nade some great friends. First, Mom and Dad have to thank you guys for giving me the opportunity to come to VMI. I have to thank the est of my family for all of your support. Mike, hanks for giving me that place where I could always go and chill out. Brian, I am so glad that had someone to associate with in 402. Geoff nd Phil, these past few years have been the greatest, you guys have made this place worth eturning to year after year, I hope that we will never grow apart. To the rats of 157, this place s really worth all of the work. I know that the xperiences that I have gained here will be with me for all of my life.

Dykes 1990: Mike Doczi
1998: Richard Ray, Jeff Taylor

Thomas A. Brashears

History / Army

Head, Homer, Bra-Hairs, Brass-ears

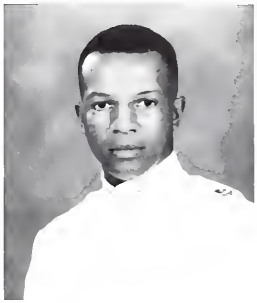
Vienna, VA

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Rat challenge 1; MNMB S-5 1; Cadet 4, 3, 2, EIC 1; Ranger company 4, 3, 2; Committee on drug and alcohol policy 3; AROTC Scholarship

First of all I must thank my parents for putting up with me for the past four years. Dad, what can I say? You have remained constant in your support and I hope that I can achieve the greatness you have attained during your career. Mom, thanks for keeping my spirits up and for always having faith in me. Ginger, you went beyond the call of duty in your loyalty to me. We have been through thick and thin together, and we always came out on top. My experience here has been interesting, but I have no regrets. Steve, one day we'll be serving, and yes I hope you find your dream girl one day; she's out there, I know it. Mike, we've weathered storms here and have come out of them as strong as ever; always stand tall and be ready for me to swing down in my chopper and pick you up. To Simon and Tom I say Good Luck! Always keep up your appearance and remember.

Dykes 1992: "Sweet Pete" Shea
1998: Simon Macioch
Tom Barnhill

John M. Brooks



I.S. / Marine Corps

J, Turtle, Darkman

Alexandria, VA

VMI Aviators 3, 2, 1; 1/2 Bulldog Plt 2; Promaji 3, 2, 1; APO 2; Cadre 3, 2; Library Cadet Assistant 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; illegal coche 3; Ops Sgt 2; Plt Lt 1

I remember all too well my first days here. I desperately wished to be back in Daytona Beach. I have come a long way since those days. I thank God, my family, and friends for their support in getting me this far. The times of *Laughter,* bring to mind time spent with my roommates. *Anxiety* and *Pain* with a little *Laughter* just about sum up my Rat year. *Despair* would definitely cover all my periods of confinement. *Excitement* reminds me of the many times I've rushed back to. *Bewilderment, Frustration* and *Anger,* without a doubt cover my third class year. *Joy* can only be representative of Breakout, Ring Figure, and Graduation. To all my dykes, I hope and pray that your experience here is as bountiful as mine. Keep you eyes open, take some chances, exploit each and every opportunity, work together and never quit. In closing, I choose the words from a Robert Frost poem, "... I took the path less travelled by and it has made all the difference."

Dykes 1992: Larry Alexander
1998: Kwabena Gyimah
James O'Dea

Christian L. Brumm

C.E. / Air Force

PJ

Hayes, VA

PJ AF ROTC; Pvt 1, 2, 4; Sgt 3; Bomb Staff 2; Sports Medicine Staff 2, 3, 4

First of all I would like to thank my mother for being there and helping me through this place. Then I would like to thank the friends I have at UVA and VA Tech, because if it were not for them I would not of had anywhere to stay on weekends except at the I. Even though this place picked at every nerve in my body I am glad that I remained a cadet. Thanks Bouch, Creegan, and Ben (even though you didn't stick it out) for being great roommates rat year. BC and Cash, what can I say, thanks for coming to my rescue, you all have been great roommates. "Spent four years prostrate to the higher mind, got my paper and I was free!!"---Indigo Girls

Dykes 1992: Todd Washington
1998: Eddie Hidalgo, Brian Pearson

Gavin A. Bruno

M.E. / Air Force

Chachi, G, G-money, Gav-Daddy

Wading River, NY

Boxing team 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Golf Co XO 1; RDC 1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3; VMI Firefighters 3; AC PRO 2; Dean's List 2; Karaoke Club 1; Girlfriend

Thank you to my Dad for raising me the way he did, taking me to VMI as my only college visit, and then bringing me back on matriculation day. Next I'll thank my mom for trying to talk my dad out of bringing me here, Thanks Mom. I don't think I can say enough about Jessie, Thanks for sticking by me all these years. Some things I've learned: Nothing's Fair, Application is 10% work and 90% sweat, Things only get as hard as you make them, and Always believe in yourself. Some of the things I have not learned: When to say when, To my roommates: Casper, Thanks for keeping me sane all these years. Doggy, Nasty, Joly - If I don't graduate on time I'm holding you three personally responsible,. You guys all make great roommates. To Neel - Keep on plugging and chugging. To J.P. - Manage your time and the benefits will follow.

Dykes 1992: Dave Soldow, Andy Tate
1998: Neel Holloran, J.P. Mahaffy

Sean J. Burke

English / Marine Corps

W.I.F.M., Leperchaun, Toad

Gainesville, VA

Reg CO 1; USMCR 4, 3, 2, 1; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2 Treasurer, 1; Eng. Soc. 4, 3, 2, 1; Toys for Tots 3, 2; US Vets WWI award for NROTC Cadet 3; RF'95 Chairman 2; USMC Marathon 2

I will begin by thanking God for all of the blessings he has bestowed upon me. Mom and Dad, I owe you everything. Thank you for the sacrifices you made due to four years of private high school and four years at V.M.I. Dad, you always came through. Dan and Tim, what can I say, two of the best brothers. Despite the bad times I have had here, I have learned so much. What I will walk away with that will mean the most to me is the countless friendships I have made here. To my roommates of three years, Rich, Ed, Chris, and Drew, I do not even need to tell you how I feel. Dunnington, Fatty, Sid, Greg, Devlin's room, Tac and Goody's room, K.C and Franco's room, Badgett, Hagan's room, Guild, Godby, Constable's room, Miller's room that I do not have room to mention, I will miss you. To my friends in '94 and '96, and guys like Jerry Allen ('86 ?) thanks for the great times. To my dykes, Andy and Justin, good luck.

Dykes 1991: Chet Loret
1998: Andy Beaman, Justin May

Larry Q. Burris

Economics Busisness / Army

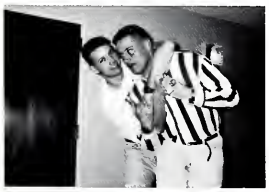
Olaf the Norseman, Bandito, Burrman

Chesterfield, VA

Golf Co Cpt 1, First Sgt 2, Cpl 3, Rat 4, Cadre 1, 2; Rat Challenge 3; Ranger Challenge 2, 1; Delta Phi Alpha 3, 2, 1; RFC 95; MNMB S-3 1; English Society 3; Dean's List 3; Drunk

What can I say? How many people willingly matriculate here twice? I think I finally got it right this time. The dykes of 1992, you guys were great. John, Rick, Frank, and even Brian, you guys took great care of us. The dykes of 1998, Ben, Brad, J.C., Sean, Al, Moder, and Duffy, I wish you all the best. Most importantly remember to always do the right thing. And yes J.C., there are only 31 days in August. Dad, you provided me with the support and the spirit to make it through this place. I owe all of this to you. THANK YOU! Tim, Rob, and Mike, you guys are the greatest. Anytime any of you need me all you have to do is call. By the way, you guys really SUCK! And to the girls of my life here at VMI, hit the road, becouse you all lost. I won along with all of the other NORSEMAN. I am off to the Army and to find a real woman. Long live the NORSEMAN and all of their traditions. May we all drown in a pool of Jim Beam. By the way,

Dykes 1992: John Miller
1998: J.C. Bowen



Keith D. Burwell

Economics Business / Air Force

Bur, Burl, Chim-Chim

Canton, OH

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA 1; OCF 4, 3, 2, 1; Banana dyke hide and seek; Ringside: Reardon vs Savochka 4; Dunnington driving school 3; Double wide redecorating committee 2

Without a doubt, it has been the hardest four years of my entire life. I thank God for giving me the strength to persevere. Without his blessings, there was never a chance. Mom, Dad, Kevin-I couldn't ask for more support. Knowing I made you proud makes it all worthwhile. I love you very much. Kevin and John- I can't express in words what your friendship has meant to me. You guys are like brothers to me and always will be. Thanks. Hurry up and get the boat, Kev! To the guys who are too numerous to mention in this space- I wouldn't trade the memories and the stories for anything. Mom-See? I made it with my sense of humor still intact! Dad- Thanks for being the benchmark I could always look at to see if I was doing the right thing. Kevin- Thanks for listening to anything and everything I needed to talk about.But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and forever. Amen. II Peter 3:18

Dykes 1992: A. Marc Orgain
1998: Chrystian Torres

Aron J. Buss

Economics Busisness / Air Force

Aron

McGaheysville, VA

Basketball 4, 3, 1; Golf 2; Pre-Law Society 2; Investment Club 3; #1 Club 1; Jill 4, 3, 2

Derek, I will never forget the evenings we use to spend in Scotts room re-living all the days events. I don't think I could have made it had it not been for you. Thank You! To my first roommates, Tony and Brandon: You two were the greatest. To the guys in 148, thank you. The times we spent together are permanently etched in my memory. To my dyke Howie, don't give up. Bryan, I can remember everything we have ever been through. I want you to know I love you more then life itself and no span of time or distance will ever change that. Thank you for helping make me into what I am today. To the most important ones of all, my family. Words cannot express the appreciation and love I feel for you. Dad, I could tell you wanted me to come here since you first laid eyes on the "I". Mom, I have never been the emotional one but I guess this gives me a chance to permanently express my love for you. You two are the greatest parents anybody could possibly have. God bless you, and may you all succeed in every aspect in life.

Dyke 1992: Scott Price
1998: Howie Lowden

John M. Byram

History / Special Student

Bonzo, Lord, Peter Pan

Falls Church, Virginia

Rugby 4, 3, 2; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Alcoholic 4, 3, 2, 1; OCF (CIC) 1; BSU 4, 3, 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; 100 Pt Club 4; Asleep 4, 3, 2, 1; Palms Forced March Club 4, 3, 2, 1

VMI has definitely been one long and painful experience. I look back upon it now, and the words of Blake come to mind. "The road of excess leads to the palace of wisdom." And I have had my fair share of excesses. The excess PT's, Excess Demerits, and excess amounts of booze. Its all lead me to some sort of Wisdom. To Mom and Dad, thanks for all your support. To Gary, you've been the best friend. Zack and Scott, thanks for putting up with me. To Eddie, Kirk, Scared Deer, Jeff, and anyone else I have not mentioned, the beers are always cold, and the women are always fine, and there will always be a party, come any time. I would, also, like to give a special thanks to the proud sponsors who made my experience at VMI bearable: Jim Beam, Jack Daniels, Anheiser-Busch Corp., SVWC, and Icehouse. I believe in a long, prolonged derangement of the senses to achieve the enlightenment...." A.Rimbaud

Dykes 1992: Dan "The Man" Franzen
1998: Matt "I'll Drive" Watson
Ulysses Scott "Spaz-boy" Adkins

Elvin M. Cabrera

History, M.L. / Army

Evil Emperor, Sausage, Yo El!

New York City, N.Y.

Ranger Co 4; 3rd Cpl 3; Msgt/S-1 Sgt 2; 3rd Btln S-1 1; Band Co 4, 3, 2; Mardi Gras 4, 3, 2; HC Sgt at Arms 1; Ranger Challenge 1; Rat Challenge 4, 3, 2; RDC 2, Sec 1;

Looking back at my days at the Institute I'm only certain of one thing. I'm still as confused about life as the very day I matriculated. Throughout my 4 years at V.M.I I realize that the learning process never ends. Life is nothing more than an extension of the Rat Line. To all the people that have helped me get to this point, mom & dad, relatives, teachers, friends and BR's, you are not forgotten. To the class of '95, the world is ours. It has been a long journey friends (Heeeeeeeeebs!!!). BR's for life! Aaron, Jeff and Joe, be strong guys. You will make it through. Remember, "Every dog has its day and good dogs have two." Your time will come, Kevin, I tried to teach you the best way that I possibly knew how. You have a lot of guts for a little guy, just like your dyke. Do me proud Kevin(Lil' Elvin) and good luck. Rangers lead the way!!!! Finally, Mike, I'm not much for getting mushy so you know what I mean. I couldn't of done it without you.

Dykes 1992: Tom "G" Gnecco
1998: Kevin Trujillo

Jano R. Carlson

I. S. / Marine Corps

J, Curious George

Vienna, Virginia

B Co OGA 1; Guide Sgt 2; Cpl 3; Semper Fi 4, 3, 2, 1; Sigma Delta Pi 2, 1; Phi Alpha Theta 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1; USMCR 4, 3, 2, 1; Library Cadet Ass't 3,2,1;

My four years at VMI have definitely been a challenge. Each year I found myself facing new difficulties and hardships unique to that year. It never seemed to get any easier. In a crazy sort of way, VMI was a continuous 4 year ratline. In retrospect, I can see that I've learned a lot from this place. VMI allowed me to observe good and bad leadership styles and learn from them both. To Room 61, the house of pain, John, Rich, and Lee some how you all made it bearable. Sometimes we'd have a blast...sometimes we'd push the furniture aside and "settle things" and other times we'd go up to the Palms, Tech, UVA, JMU, Radford or hang around the room for a meeting with Jack Black... To the rats (the warriors of Room 161), Don, Collin, Marcus, KK, Nathan, Curtis, Aaron, James, your great grand dykes, grand dykes, and dykes have left you a proud tradition...keep it alive.

Dykes 1992: Keith Frantz
1998: Donald Evans

Michael S. Castellano

Biology / Marine Corps

Casty, Cluestallano, Nastellano

Virginia Beach, VA

Private 4, 3, 1; Guideon Bearer G Co 1; Guide Sergeant 2; Arcade '52 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group 2, 1; Boxing Team 3;

I have seen people leave, leave, and leave but the strong have stood and watched with solemn faces as we withstood every onslaught that VMI could throw at us. Those strong, for whatever reason, cadets that I have roomed with are Jimmy, Tom, Ralph, Matt, Ben, Chris, John, and Ryan. To my wild and crazy co-dykes, especially Chris Barkocy and John Byram, may you find what you are looking for. To my father, thank you for putting up with everything that I have thrown your way. To my brother, I have learned more about you in the past 4 years, through my brief visits to Radford, than during my previous 18 years living with you. I respect you alot and will be there for you. To my friends and enemies, there are plenty of them, at MBC, especially the Hawpe House, thank you for everything. I only wish I started going there as a Third instead of waiting till I was Second. All my friends, named and unnamed take care and live free or die, and my enemies, may you never cross my path again.

Dykes 1992: Geoff Brooks
1998: Mark Glancy

Todd S. Chambers

History / Marine Corps

Casper, Whitey, Ghost, Rat Chambers

Arlington, VA

1st Cpl., 3; Msgt., 2; Echo Co. XO, 1; High Rollers Society, 1; Semper Fi Society, 3,2; Rat Training/Challenge, 4,3,2; Taft Society, 2,1 Pres; Shadow Spook, 2; Procrastinator, 4,3,2,1.

Mom and Dad: Not enough thanks can be given for your support, encouragement and love; it has always been appreciated and taken to heart. How many parents have to put up with a VMI son and a Citadel son at the same time? WOP: I guess not all New Yorkers have that annoying accent. Nasty: Yo! I ain't even goin' out like dat! You really put the "mess" into the Navy/Marine Corps Mess Night. Jabba: Keffer! Baldwin sucks! I'm going to keep my light on. Doggy: Chester. Remember, 17 will get you 20. Room 122: Karaoke night. Rick and Jeff: MCRD Parris Island, SC and MCES Courthouse Bay, Camp Lejeune, NC. Tivris: Keep your grades up, from what I've heard it will pay off. BRs: Looking back now at the VMI experience and the class of '95, it seemed slow at times, but these four years went by at a speed that I'll let an engineer figure out. Think where man's glory most begins and ends, And say my glory was I had such friends.--William Butler Yeats

Dykes 1992: Rob Johnson
1998: Tivris Dixon

Matthew S. Chapman

Computer Science / Air Force

Matt

Fairfax, VA

Swim Team 3, 2, 1; Band Co 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Liberator 4, 3, ?, ?; College Republicans 3, 2; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Parade Deck Football 4, 3, 2; Arcade '52 3, 2, 1

After 4 years at the "T" its hard to remember why I came. 4 years here has made me a little less idealistic and even more pessimistic. Don't get me wrong there were plenty of good times and the friends that I have here are second to none, but still this place sucked! Speaking of friends, Ben, you've been my roommate for 4 years. We are the only survivors from 448. I never would have thought how much your friendship would mean to me, you really helped me out, especially during our rat year. Thank you. Ralph 3 years and there is little I would change in regards to our time as roommates, co-liberator. Last of the roommates is Ken, or should I say Kendy, just kidding! You too are a co-liberator. True friends like the room '52 crowd are hard to come by, stay in touch. Cregan, all I can say is I really don't remember not having you as a friend and I hope that doesn't change. Lastly, Mom and Dad thanks for all of your support and especially the toleration of sub-par grades. At least it is finally come to an end, good or bad only time will tell. SEE YA!

Dykes 1992: Greg Abbott
1998: Jon Charbonnet, Rick Feese

Simon Y. Cheng

Computer Science / Navy

Simon

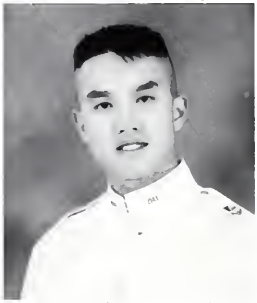
Taiwan, R.O.C.

Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; International Relations Club 4, 3, 2, 1

I was a young man from a great country-Taiwan, R.O.C. VMI is the first place I have been in the United States. This school was a lot different from what I expected. Rat year did give me a hard time. However, after those a thousand days spent at VMI, I found myself loving this place more than I thought. Although I had been to military school for four years before coming to VMI, I became more independent and stronger both mentally and physically. The most interesting and exciting experience in my cadetship was studying in England during second class year. I had a wonderful time at the Royal Military College of Science, travelling around England and France. I met many good friends and saw a lot of things. Coming back to VMI I had a horriable time in academics during my first class year. I can't wait to graduate on time, and bring bunches of gifts back home for my dearest family. Hoping for the best, and all my BRs, in our post-VMI ventures.

Dykes 1992: Craig Myers
1998: Tim Barry, Pol Ou
Wen-long Hsu

Steven A. Chojnacki



History / Marine Corps

Chicken Snack, Chamookee, Mookee

Bolingbrook, IL

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Reg. Color Sgt 2; OCS; LT 1; Semper Fi Society; Rat Training 3; Society of the Tin; Socially Handicapped Society

Thank y'all, Mom and Dad for not sending me a plane ticket to Alaska for my furloughs back home. I know I must have been a pain! I must also thank my sisters and Grandma. It's hard to believe, I traveled a road no one else traveled, or even heard of! VMI, where they broke me down, made me suffer, and prepared me for the world. I remember thinking, what good might actually come out of these four years of Hell. I became socially retarded, picked up bad habits and Brother Rats. Hey Bob! the showers are at the end of the stoop. Mike, Warrior! You talk more trash than anyone I know. Tom, the Head! I know we're gonna end up in some joint task force someday. Sometimes you have to sacrifice a lot to grow up. However, sometimes to enter the ranks of manhood, one has to give up those rights, and grow up. You can't survive in the real world and act like you haven't taken your diaper off yet. The world's a rough place, but so was VMI. Semper Fi!

Dykes 1991: Steve Costello
1998: Tim "Pop off" Popp
Hans "Kaiser" Risser

John A. Christman

Computer Science / Navy

Christ-man, Tag Team Slurp, Joe Camel

Virginia Beach, VA

Virgin Private; Trident Society 4, 3, 2 Sec, 1 Pres; SLI 4; Lacrosse 2; Virginia Gentleman 3, 2, 1; Whop a Wop club 3, 2, 1; China Town 2, 1

To everyone who makes it through this place the Institute gives a little something, to me they gave money and I say thank you. It's the only thing that brought me here and the only thing that made me stay. To Jim and Zack and Dave (where ever the hell you are) Thanks for making me forget about the money. Matt and Clark: always remember who your friends are, never go to SEM, and when you get in trouble, tread water, somebody is sure to pull you out. Donald: well it seems I managed to take another four years away but I promise to make it up to you brother. To Bill, Billy, Joe, Todd, Dennis and the rest of you China Town BR's I ask "After we graduate do you think they will still do our laundry?"

Dykes 1992: Jake Carrico
1998: Regan M. Baldwin (Matt-tie)

John A. Citizen

English / Air Force

J-mac

Yorktown, VA

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Fellowship Of Christian Athletes 4, 3, 2, 1

First, I have to give thanks to my family, God, my roommates, and friends. My family for motivating me before and through college, and whatever future help I'll probably need. God for everything. Thanks Pops, for advising me when I needed it, Mom for the love and everything else. My roommates TL Smooth, Lil' E, & T-Money (Real G's), I will always have a special bond with each of you. Those times we talked till 3 a.m., late nite creepin', and makin loot, are all special and remembered. Whatever I needed I could always ask you guys for it and if you didn't have it, we found ways to get it. To our Dykes, we made it! To our dykes this year, Darrius, Damon, and Kevin I hope you guys do well & survive your next three years here, you'll need each other. To all my friends whom I've tripped and partied with stay true to yourself and good luck in the future. All those whom have not been mentioned, I'm thinking about you every chance I get.

Dykes 1992: K. C. Bratton
1998: D. Jackson, K. Johnson
D. Pinero

Austin L. Clark

Civil Engineer / Air Force

Billy, AL, AC, Felix, & Kevin Martin

Knoxville, TN

Arnold Air Force Society 4, 3, 2, 1; American Society of Civil Engineers 4, 3, 2, 1

Homage to a Friendship: "With the world's fate resting on your shoulders, you are going to need someone on your side. You can't do it by yourself any longer you are gonna need someone on your side...and here I am."-Morrissey. I am thankful for my friendships. Those late night talks about life, pondering our existence, why we are here or even still here, and what we were going to do next weekend, planning the infamous 'Road Trip'. These friends are the ones who have kept me here, not physically, but mentally. We have supported each other through good times and bad. We will be there for each other. Thanks Mark H., Mark W., Woody, Tim, Jeff, Brad, Ken, Jonathan, and Jesse. Lest I forget the people that brought me here, my parents for supporting me in my decision to come here and stay here. I love you both. "All alone in the night I had my own thoughts and held the car to the white line in the holy road. What was I doing? Where was I going? I'd soon find out." -Jack Kerouac

Dykes 1992: Bill "Woody" Woodward

Kendall J. Clark

History / Army

Kendall

Richmond, VA

Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1 Pres; VMI Gospel choir 3, 2; Powerlifting 3, 1; Pre-Law Society 2; NAACP 1 Pres

Looking back on the past three years is full of reflection. The rat line helped me earn experiences which I will remember for the rest of my life. The third class year prepared me to learn to focus on long term goals, because of the long months that I faced before being rewarded for my efforts in the form of a ring. The second class year gave the vision to figure out what path I was to follow and what preparation was needed to accomplish my career goal. The friends I have made will be never forgotten, from my rat roommates to all of my neighbors that live between the three arches. The Promaji club has given me strength and the opportunity to bond with Brothers with the same interest as my own. I would like to thank the people who supported me throughout the entire time I participated in the Corps. Thank you for all the packages and letters of inspiration to help me through. Also thanks to my Dyke, whom instilled in me the true spirit of cadetship. Good luck to all and the Class of '95.

Dykes 1993: Vince Bryan
1998: Kelly Cooke

Bradely L. Coleman

History / Air Force

Brad

Camp Hill, PA

Road Runners 4,3,2,1 Arnold Air Society 4,3,2,1

The fallacy,
of human character,
lies not in sin;
but the misinterpretation,
of reality.

Into the Dark
Crushed, this substance on my brain.
Spinning, I take your hand . . .

Into the Dark . . .
Into the Dark . . . .

Dykes 1992: Joe McClung
Richard Owens
John Fuller
1998: Nathen Pierpoint
Brett McGinley

Timothy E. Collier

International Studies / Army

Chocolate Ice Pooh Bear, H.N.I.C.

Alexandria, VA

Private 3, 2, 1; Yearbook Slave 3, 2, EIC 1; Ranger Challenge 2; Model Arab Leauge 2; Academically Extinguished 1; Frustrated by USN 3; Fought The Power 4, 3, 2, 1; Love-85; Collier-3

Here I am, after four fun, glorious years at the I. Who would have thought this MWC refugee would make a go of VMI? The choice has paid endles dividends, but cost endlesslost sleep, sweat, and a little blood. Oh well. I made up the sleep during class. I've grown here, and made the best friends anyone could ask for. Sam, Justin, Trey, Crazy, we have done it all-drinking, mixing, shooting, PT'ing, breaking. Leo,Noel and Crazy, thanks for the best room of my cadetship. As for the Bomb, I've had a great time. To current and future bombers, Zack, Lazy LeRoy, Jared, Noe, and the rest of the Lisa Room veterans, PLEASE get it out on time next year! Andy, Mom, Dad, I owe a lot of this to you all. Phanom and Tim, get ready for the ride of your lives. "I thought about taking a limousine, or at least a fancy car, but I ended up taking a taxi, 'cause thats how I got this far." -H. C.

Dykes 1991: Jon Greenspon
1998: Tim O'Bryant, Phanom Prompol

Edwin R. Consolvo

English / Air Force

Conslobo, Three Toed Bed Sloth

Suffolk, VA

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Charlie Co 4, 3, 2, 1; Canterbury Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac Pro(fessional) 4, 3, 2; Dean's List 2; #1 Club 3 2; Sigma Delta 4, 1

Damn. It's over.

Dykes 1992: Rick Walker
1998: Eric Seaman

Jolyon R. Constable

I.S. / Air Force

Connie, Jabba, Vampire, Batman

Victoria, Australia

AC Stars 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 2nd Btln S-2; HC , Prosecutor 1; Tennis Team 4, 3, 2, 1 Cptn; SC Ac Honor Roll 4, 3, 2, 1; Academic All-American 2, 1; Phi Kappa Phi 2, 1

couldn't be much farther from home, and this erhaps has been my greatest trial, but nor could have been more fortunate in having been exosed to my BR's & the experiences of The I. Dad, Mum, Gra, Frank, Span, Bryce, Maca's: bviously I couldn't have survived w/out your upport-in all its forms. Nasty: we bitch a lot ut I love you like a bro'. Yut yut. Don't even ry to study b/f 0900 (if at all). Hope you're out f here before our first reunion. You won't be lancing on my shoulders again, Weirdo. Thanks or 3 blissful years. Work those digits, Doritoeoy. Casper & Ti-na Lover: glad you guys noved in. I'm sure we'll have many more blind uns to Kareoke. Gay, love dem ladies, you know that if you don't bust yourself, your oomies will be glad to spill a few beans. Whitey, vork on your short game. Wop & Swob: I miss you guys & regret how things turned out. Tenis doesn't mean a whole lot w/out you here. Good night, John-boy. 122: love you guys. Here's to purgatory's end.

Dykes 1992: Blew 'em off
1998: Heath Edmiston
Brewster Richardson

Todd L. Cook

Biology / Air Force

Todd

Virginia Beach, VA

There is no way to put my experience into words. Everything has happened too quickly. I cannot say that VMI has been enjoyable, but there certainly have been some good times. First of all, I want to thank the Lord for his love and the way he has blessed my life here at VMI. To the most important ones of all, my family, words cannot express the love and apreciation I feel for you. Dad and Mom, I can never repay you for the sacrafices you made. To my grandparents, thanks for the prayers. My love for you all will never die. I cannot forget my roomies, there were some rough times, but as we struggled through them, together, you guys have become some of the best friends and I only hope it will continue away from the Institute. To Little E, J.C. and T-Money, thanks for all the memories. They will not be forgotten. To our dykes, despite th hardships you will endure, I wish you the best during you sentence at VMI. You will need one another to take care of each other. Don't let me down.

Dykes 1992: Derrick Johnson
1998: Damon Pinero

Brandon R. Cornett

History / Special Student

@#$%head

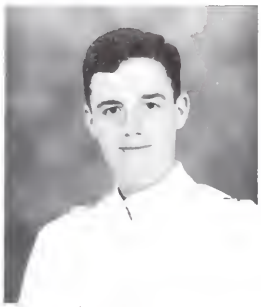
Roanoke, Va

Alpha Company Commander I

I don't know what I was thinking when I decided to go to VMI, but I do know that I have no regrets looking back now. It has been four VERY long years and I have learned a lot and made lasting friendships. Mike, I wouldn't want to jump out of a plane with anyone but you. Dave, I'll miss the late-night, drunk, and naked parade ground trips. Jim, everytime I see a sloth on National Geaographic I will think of you. Yong, how could I forget you... yee ah poesie! Frank, long live the Grenada. There are too many to mention and I will miss them all. Robert, I will be back to check on you so work hard, but play harder. Thanks to my family for everything over the years, and to Dee Dee. Voy a salir ahora, vaya con dios!

Dykes 1992: Steve "Wild Man" Brandtner
1998: Robert "The Chin"

Jonathan R. Craig



Biology / Air Force

Jon, Piggy

Sparta, NJ

Virgin private; Rat training 4; Fencing 3, 2, 1; Treasurer 2; VMI Firefighters 3; Cadet Waiter 2; Turkey hunting club 2, 1; Pete's pain 2, 1

The last four years have gone by so fast. This is the only place anyone could hate so much and still have so much pride to attend. Rat year was the hardest thing that I ever did. I would never do it again, but if I had to do it over again I would not change my decision. I have made the closest friends of my life at VMI. From the men of room 404 to my roommates of 128. I can't forget you a**es in room 130. Hein, you helped me through all four years and have become a great friend. Finally I have to recognize Pete Fravel. Pete, you were like a brother to me. I have never had or could ask for a better friend. Just remember there is no limit to how many turkeys you can kill and the season lasts 365 days a year. From the outside I owe all my love and thanks to my family. Mom, Dad, Jason and Thomas, no one could ask for a better family. You guys are the greatest . This is the end and the beginning for us all. Good luck Class of 1995 and God bless.

Dykes 1992: Mike Arnes
1998: K.C. Dohanish

John F. Cross

M. E. / Air Force

Johnnie-X

Columbus, OH

Captain Football Team 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1 Executive President; Gospel Choir 4, 3, 2, 1

I John Frezell Cross would like to thank God, my family and friends who helped me get through these last few years. I would also like to thank my dykes Curtis Mason and Marcus Mines for showing me the ways of VMI qnd how to cope with the pressure at the Institute. To my BR's, good luck in the future. As for my dykes, Al, Jabar, Dre' and Jason work hard, good luck because it only gets worse. Remember, right on to the real and death to fakers. This is Johnnie-X, and I'm out.

Dykes 1992: Curtis Mason, Marcus Mines
1998: Al Lester, Jabarr Bean
Andre Thornton, Jason Bell

Brian J. Crothers

Electrical Engineering / Air Forc

Cro, BC

Oak Forest, IL

IEEE 4, 3, 2, 1; Arnold Air Society 4, 3, 2, 1

My God It's finally over. Four years of goo times, bad times, and worse times. Bryan and I you made interesting, Mom and Dad ,you made bearable when it wasn't all that interestrin Thanks. I am sure that I have walked away wi more in the four years I've spent here than I cou have gotten in twice that time anywhere else. T Rob, Jason, Eddie, and Brian, You"ve all bee great. Hang in there. It does finally end. To th twelve or thirteen of us that survived, E-squared! I've raeched the summit of this hill called VM Now it is time to climb the Mountain of Life the real world. Good luck Brother Rats.

Dykes 1993: Mike Howard
1998: Rob Gelinas
Steve Stafford

Eric W. Davenport

Business Econ / Marine Corps
Easy-E, Port, Ree-Port, E-Double

Staunton, VA
Semper Fi Society 4,3,2,1, Promaji Club 4,3,2,1

The VMI experience is something that I thought that I would never be able to survive. I remember speaking to my parents on several occasions and telling them how I wanted to transfer to a real school. Needles to say, they never gave me the opportunity, and for that I am thankful. To Chad, Brian, and Tony best wishes. Remember one thing, no goals are unreachable. I'll remember all of the fun and stupid things that we did together. The friendship that we have built at VMI in four years will last forever. To you Mom, Dad, and Travis for providing me with the proper love and encouragement needed to conquer this place. Melissa, thank you for being there whenever I needed you. I really appreciate your love, friendship, and encouragement. I would like to dedicate my cadetship in remembrance of: Nettie Davenport, Sarah Kier, Eunice Davenport, Ethil Gilliam, Aunt Bea

Dykes 1992: Brian Mason
1998: Donovan Bailey, Michael Runyan, Brian McManus

Robert C. Davis

English / Army
Scared Deer, Mosebey

Newnan, GA
Rat 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Cadet 3, 2; Firefighter 3, 2; Rugby 1; S-5 1; Conf'm'nt Cafe 3, 2; Dean's List 4; Institute Scholar 4, 3, 2, 1

During these past four years, I met a few alright people and did a few things that might have been moderately fun, yet as a whole, this place has been a bust. At least the entire show was free. In fact, it was better than free. Financial Aid Department, the Palms appreciates your generosity. I can't say that I feel bad about my poor stewardship though. If the school can afford to throw away money on perennially losing NCAA programs, it can treat me to nights on the town. I can most efficiently sum up my feelings for VMI by saying, "General Hunter, you're my hero."

Dykes 1992: Mike Kamin
1998: Jon "#1" Spitzer

Thomas A. Dean

English / Marine Corps
Dean-Sta, Logan, Talon, Wong

Merritt Island, FL
Cadre 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Reg S-5 Sgt 2; Reg S-5 Capt 1; Young Republicans 2, 1; Drummer of VIBE 2, 1; Pres of flying club 2; Semper Fi 4, 3, 2, 1; '95 Ring Designer; Bulldog 2; OCS 2

Four years ago, I was at the U. of Florida; I applied and got excepted. I'm glad I stuck it out, and am proud to say I attended such a fine institution. Some wonder how to get through places like VMI. The answer is simple: friendship. To my bud and confidant, Vaughn Thornton, who I met first as a pre-strain, you are truly a friend. Good luck. To the rest of the "Boyzs" (Todd, Wade, and Curt), Thanks. You are all my best friends. Mom and Dad, thanks for providing me with a loving home, and values that will be with me the rest of my life. I thank you for instilling in me a love and respect for God, because with Him all things are possible, as we well know. Dad, you taught me never to quit; that's something I will never forget. Dad and Mary Lou, thank you both for being there . I'm glad we have grown closer as I've been at the "1". Chris, I wish you the best . J.C., Be all you can be! Dave and Mark, STRAIN!. Ha Ha. And to all Semper Fi!

Dykes 1992: Benjamin Piper
1998: Chris Foster
Juan Carlos De los Reyes

Kirk J. Dennis

History- I.S. / Army

Rocky

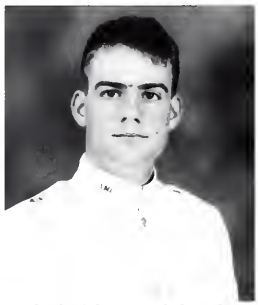
Stormville, NY

IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Navy 4, 3; Army 2, 1; Semper Fi 4, 3; RNGR CMPY 3, 2, 1; Chicks (schwing) 4, 3, 2, 1

The road less travelled has come to an end. Looking back VMI was not just an education, but rather an adventure. A place where virtue is not forgotten and everything you learn is the old fashion way. Perhaps it was nothing but a dream, a 4 year leave of absence from reality. Not always good, but not exactly bad (yeah right). Everything else put aside, the friends I've made here are for life. Pife and Jeff, what can I say to two great friends who in essence will forever be members of my extended family. How the hell you didn't kill each other, I'll never know. To my BR's whom I hold dear and all the original A CO guys FREE FOOD, FREE WINE, MY HOUSE. DOORS OPEN, ANYTIME! Take Care Brian and Brian Joe (strain pig!) Doug just lax it! Good luck at VMI, God knows you'll need it!

Dykes 1992: Chris Bergstol
1998: Brian Roeder
Brian Smith

Damian P. Desmond



English / Special Student

Dooty, You Nasty @#!?

Middlebrook, VA

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4; VMI Outreach 2, 1; AC Pro 4; Sigma Delta 1; 2.0 and Go Club 2, 1; Racking Club 4, 3, 2, 1

I am not going to miss this place, mainly because I will probably be back next year. However, the past four years have been very memorable ones. I have many in my life to thank for that. I thank God for giving me perserverance, my wonderful family; especially my parents and grandparents who instilled in me the pride to never give up, Bud and Earlene for all of their support through all of this, my dyke Wooomack who I never thanked enough, and Nick for all of your help, good luck in everything that you do. To the roomates I have had, especially Jimmy D., Big Ed, Chip, and RainH2O; thanks for all the good times and may the force be with you. And Jimmy, I will never forget that bonding moment on I-81 at 6:30 in the morning (S__T!). Ed lay off the Gold Schlager. Finally, I thank you Pattye, who have been my greatest inspiration.. I consider myself the luckiest man alive to have had your love and support through it all .

Dykes 1992: David Womack
1998: Nick "Psycho Boy" Wilk

John J. Devlin

Biology / Air Force

Dev, J.D., Kodak, Devil Dog

Virginia Beach, VA

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; AC Stars 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Reg S 6 Capt 1; Ringside: Reardon vs Savochka 4; Ba nana Dyke Hide-n-Seek Team 4; Dunningto School of Driving 3; At The Trap 1

"Life is a whirling, sucking eddy of pain, punc tuated only by moments of false hope in an eve blackening universe." Although an accurate esti mation of most cadetships, I can honestly say have enjoyed my stay at the Institute. I would t thank my two loving and supportive parents, with out whose guidance I would be lost. They hav invested time and understanding and I hope i has produced a man they are proud of. Geof Dave, Mark: without your comraderie m cadetship would have been brief. Finally, m roommates- Keith, Kevin- where can I begin Words can not justly express the role your com panionship, compassion and loyalty have playe in my life in the three short years we have share our room (and my credit card). From the theo logical debates third class year to the sordid epi sodes of Ring Figure, you guys have been th greatest. Unfortunately, space will not permit th countless other deserving thank-yous and ac knowledgments (Chris, Brett, Jack, Rick, Jor rooms 121, 123 and 154). I toast everyone wh has stood beside me the last four years, God Bless

Dykes 1992: Scott Council
1998: B.J. Dodds, Joe Anwah

David A. Doss

History / Air Force

DossMan, DossCreature

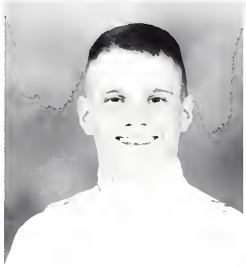
Lynchburg, VA

Rat 4; Pvt 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Track/Cross Country 4; Soccer Manager 1; Cadet Waiter 3, 2; Arnold Air Society 4, 1

Well, this is it! Four years of this place are finally over. There have been a lot of good times and a few of the bad, but overall it's been a unique experience. I've got to give credit to some of the great friends I've made that have contributed in making my time at the Institute memorable. To the haven of Goldcoast on the 4th stoop: room 407 Rat roommates, Mark, John and Geoff, Thanks for making the ratline a little easier, our time together will never be forgotten. To the new additions of the '07 club; Tillar and Jon, we've enjoyed many wild times. you've both taught me to look at life in a whole new way. Try to stay out of trouble guys. To Benji, had a great time fighting the blizzards going sking. Room 111, keep on redneckin'. Billy, hang in there, you'll be in my place sooner than you think. Make the most of it. I can't go without giving credit to Marlina. You've been through 4 years of this place too. Thank you for all your support. To my parents, thanks for making it all possiable. I wish all my BR's the utmost success in life.

Dykes 1992: Greg Robinson
1998: Billy McGann

Joseph W. Doyle



History / Special Student

Joey, Horse, Little Buddha

Roanoke, Virginia

Virgin Private; D Co Guideon 1; Religious Activities Comm 2 Sec, 1 Pres; Glee Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Sentinels 3, 2, 1;VMI Outreach CWRT 4, 3, 2, 1 S-1,VP; BSU 4, 3, 2; OCF 3, 2, 1

First of all, I want to thank God for helping me the past four years. Mama, I couldn't ask for a better mom. I LOVE YOU! Sam & Matt, you're two great brothers. Billy, you've been the greatest roommate. I'll miss all of the BS sessions. Bill P., it's been fun. Frankie, thanks for listening to all of my women problems. You're a great friend. Jim, John C., Todd, Dennis, Opp, Rich, John B., Jano, Yong, Sean, Elvin, Mike, Zack, it's been fun down here in China Town. Sean, Josh, Whit, thanks for all the fun times at the dance clubs. Jamal, it's been real. Keep up the good work and stay close to God. Carter and Brandon, you guys are great. Wes and Geoff, keep up the singing. Chaplain Caudill, I couldn't have made it without you. Chaplain Park, thanks for making my 1st Class year. Holly, thanks f I'll never forget you. Amy, thanks for making my 2nd Class year the greatest. Rrrrr, thanks for helping me through my Rat year. I can't wait to see ya'll in 5 years. Trey, have fun and keep studying. Sean C., Sean W., Ham, Stefan, keep up the good work. All 5 of you have been great Rats. MARK 9:35

Dykes 1992: Rusty Hale
1998: Trey Mangus

Wade J. Dunford

Econ. Bus. / Marine Corps

HooRah!

Rixeyville, VA

Rat 4; Cpl 3; 2nd BN Sgt Maj 2; Reg Adjt 1; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 3; Bulldog 2

I made a decision to come to VMI and every day I appreciate that choice more. The VMI experience has been the right one for me, in fact, I would even venture to say that I love VMI. I am also proud of my parents. I also owe thanks to my friends from home that have provided a place for me to go to on the weekends. The most important people in my VMI career have been my Brother Rats of 1995. Alan, I'll see you in the fleet. Vaughn and Curt, maybe we will cross paths. If not, we must in touch. Curt, Vaughn, and Alan, I really can't wait to get back together at some future Class reunion and talk about all these wild times we've had here at the "I". I'll never forget you guys! Hey Brett and Kipp, without ya'll boys next door we would have never heard dueling banjos so early in the morning. Steve, it's now up to you to carry the proud traditions of VMI forward. Be proud that you have chosen the "road less traveled". Work hard to make it the best! I thank God for carrying me through the tough times and keeping me safe. May God bless the Class of 1995 and VMI!

Dykes 1990: Mike A. Lythgoe
1998: Steve F. Blodgett

Andrew S. Dunnington

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Gunther, Beast, 3D

Richmond, VA

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; S.S. Club PS 4, 3, 2, 1; Crease Club; AC Pro 4, 3, 2; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1

The Day we have been waiting for is finally upon us, Yeah! Only one more question- What am I going to do now? First, Thank You to all my family. I knew and I still came, I struggled and I still conquered! Dad, Mom, Tom, Sara and Edith and Matt your support and guidance was key to making this possible. In more ways than ever could be put into words. Also, Dykes of '92, You taught us well, in fact maybe too well. At any rate! Dykes of '98, you have survived the first test. Many more still lie ahead. Best of luck to you all, you are all gonna need it. Finally, to all the fellahs, you know who you are, if you do not you were not! The times will last forever, both Good and bad. Believe it or not. Greg, Dave, Sid the journey has been eventfull. That only makes it mean so much more. We chose the road less traveled and took our fair and unfair share of bumps along the way, but in the end we still beat 'em!

Dykes 1992: Dan Lyle
1998: Wyatt Durrette
Jeremy Roberts

William J. Eger

History / Army

Gumby, Egg, Billy, Sonic Hedgehog

Virginia Beach, VA

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; F Troop Guidon 1; Rat Challenge 4, 3; SLI 4, 3; Studying 2; Dreaming 1; Cadet Newspaper 2, 1; CWRT 2, 1; VMI Theater 2, 1; USMC 2, 1;

I'd like to thank the little people who helped me through this place, but there are no little people who helped. To my parents: Words cannot even describe the massive part you played in my cadetship. Without you, I wouldn't be here and I never would have made it. To Holly: Thanks, Sis. Maybe now we won't have to speak on edit. To Joe: You'll never now the effect you've had on my life or the inspiration you've given me. You're the best! To Bill: I need some air support, Devildog. To Rich: It's 12:00 A.M. I'm:.. To Rupert, Moses, and Barry: Semper Fi. To Jim: Let us digress! To Turtle and Mark: I owe you a can. To the rest of China Town: I'll never forget you guys. To Rick: Thanks for the great start. Hey Oppy, It's 1400 hrs. SDT, New map... WE'RE OTTA HERE.
"It is done."

- Revelations 21:6

Dykes 1992: Rick Walker
1998: Sean "Fidel" Casto

Lakei C. Evans

Computer Science / Army

Diesel, Chubb Rock, Keys, Happy

Long Beach, NY

Promaji 3, 2, 1; Lacrosse 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, 3; Indoor Track 2; Glee Club 4, 3; Gospel Choir 3, 2, 1; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; FCA 2, 1; Chaplains Bible Study 4, 3; MNMB S-1; VANG 3, 2, 1

To experience a transformation from adolecense to manhood, I have traveled a long way from home. Responsibility and cooperation are my most valuable learned assets that VMI has instilled in me repeatedly. I have played a sports marched and played in the band, sang with the Glee Club and Gospel Choir, participated in the Promaji Club, and held leadership positions in the Band and the MNMB. VMI has guided me in the direction that God wants me to follow. My military leadership and success will be a direct reflection of VMI and God. Now that God has allowed me to look back on the four years that I experienced: I would like to thank GOD, my New York and Lynchburg Families, my girlfriend and Family, my dyke Chris the Phelps Family, my roommate John and his family. Also, Miracle Revival Center, First Baptist, Gospel Way, and Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Coach Bartlet and Family, C company 1/116 Inf, my dykes Ernesto, Kinji and Matt, and the Class of 1995. "MAY GOD BLESS THE CLASS OF 1995!"

Dykes 1992: Christopher Phelps
1998: Matthew Bertsch, Kinji Fujita
Ernesto Sampson

Ryan J. Feeney

Electrical Engineering / Air Force

Feen Dog

Landing, NJ

Drum Maj & Band Co Cmdr 1; Ist Sgt 2; Cpl 3; Rat Challenge 3, 2; Brass Ensemble 4, 3, 2; Quintet 3, 2; IEEE 1; Arnold Air 2, 1; Mardi Gras 4, 3, 2; UVA Rugby Rd Liaison 2,1

"Why didn't I attend a 'normal college'?" Well, I still cannot answer that question enough to satisfy my own sanity. Although, I can now say that I am glad I attended this absurd institution. Through the years I experienced much turmoil, but whenever someone asked if I enjoyed it, I would quickly answer "Yes." I want to thank Rich and Dan for keeping me on the track in EE even though I swore I hated it. I also must thank Ken for boosting my spirits. Mom and Dad,I know I was not the easiest son to send through college, but you all stood by me when the going got tough. Michael, I could not ask for a better older brother who supported and believed in me every step of the way. Best of luck to all of '95, especially those BR's in EE and in Band Co. Brook and Deryck, hold your heads high and meet the challenge, the road is shorter than it seems. Now, I can finally leave this place I both love and hate to the utmost of extremes.

Dykes 1992: Dave Jahnke
1998: Brook Barbour
Deryck Krafft

Eric B. Fegley

International Studies / Army

Eric, Fegdog, Baby

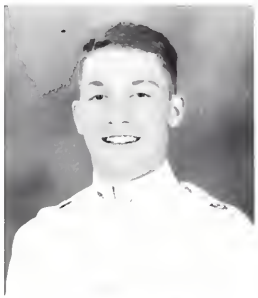
San Diego, CA

Wrestling 4, 3, 2; Ranger Challenge 2, 1; Pervert Shavers 3, 2, 1; Pervert Hackers 1

I can't say that I have enjoyed every day of my four years here, but all in all it has easily been the best time in my life. Shannon, you have been the best friend that a man could ever ask for. We've done it all together. Paul, you are about the craziest guy I have ever met. I know that with all our hard work Shannon and I could never live up to your image, but you've been a great inspiration. Dave, Thanks for being DAVE, STUDY!!! Grimmace, Ricky, Derek, Weez, Buddy, Nurney, 2-Tap, Mike, and Russ, you are all the greatest. To all my friends from Pervert Corner and beyond: may there always be happiness in your hearts and a cold beer in your hand. I also want to thank the people that have helped me since my arrival at the "I." I know that I would not be where I am today if it were not for your help. Don't worry Rotten Eddie, I could never forget about you. I know if anybody can outrun 'em, you can. I wish the best of luck to all of the pervert rats of '98.

Dykes 1992: Eddie Davis
1998: Bart Berns

Michael T. Fellows



English / Army

Mr. Goodtime, Frat-boy, Rocket, Wez

St. Petersburg, FL

Lacrosse 4, 2, 1; Cadre Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lambda Rho 1; CDC Prosecutor 4; Birthday Prison 2; Pervert Inmate 3, 2, 1; English Society 4, 3, 2, I

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." While I cannot say that VMI has been a totally fun-filled experience, it has given me some pretty interesting memories. Here's a short list of some of moments that I've gone through: "Hey Mike, where's the Brasso...No more Werewolf...Is this Dick's pillow...I know lets go get Ambler!...You met them while you were an orderly?...Staying here again Mike...Eat?...No Kurt, I'm good...Ricky, is that a fire alarm?... Dude, I'd rather burn to death than get out of bed...Tonight, I'm Dougie Fresh!...10 hours to Jersey on Tobacco Road...Why do you call it the Rhino?...Hey, let's all get in the back of Matt's truck...Mike and I on the Midnight Tech Express...Why don't you try spending the night in barracks?...As most of you know, you were in these memories, and hopefully we'll all be able to make some more!

Dykes 1992: Bill Berry
1998: Max "Grumpy"
Tony "Slime"

Jay J. Ferriola

Econ. Bus / Army

Lief the Norseman, Cretin

Breezy Point, NY

Pvt 3, 2; Plt Lt 1; Cadet Investment Club 3, 2, 1; English Society 2, 1; Ranger Co 2, 1; College Republicans 3, 1; Varsity football 4, 3; Norseman 4, 3, 2, 1

"Though nothing can bring back the hour Of splendor in the grass, of glory in the flower. We will grieve not, rather find Strength in what remains behind." - William Wordsworth. I'll always remember the good times,. Lee, we're a dying breed. Mark, does anyone know the financial potential we possess. Mat - "monk" - huh! Womble, lets get crazy. Hey Larry, I didn't forget. Cam. - I told you so. Hey Ed, may our dreams of equality be achieved. Drew, I forgive you for abandoning us. And last, Brad what can I say, you know the truth of it. Mom and Dad I love you. Aunt Dale and Uncle John, thanks. John, there were times I wanted to cause you great pain for not telling me everything, but now I'm glad you didn't. To the Piegari's thank you. To Aunt Sue and Uncle Peter Meredith thank you. Mr. Frank, thanks for the "Legal advice". Lastly I thank God for always being there. Dykes - it is as bad as it seems, - good luck and work hard. To all my fellow Norseman may we meet again, and dance in the great halls of Valhalla.

Dykes 1992: Dan Shipley
1998: John Atkins, Jim Stanley

James T. Firnbach

I. S. / Navy

Sloth, Mij, Nut Sloth, Techno Sloth

Chantilly, VA

Virgin Private, Theater Permit 4; Brotherhood of the Broken Ring 1; Number 1 Club; Cadet Assistant 1, Victim of the Rack Monster 4, 3, 2, 1

I would just like to thank everyone who's been my friend and say that I am glad that we are all getting out of this place.

Dykes 1992: Joel Moody
1998: Todd Cooke

Richard J. Fontanilla

C.E. / Army

Lipps, Fontos, Nilla, Rico, Rich

Portsmouth, VA

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; B Co Guidon 1; Cadre 3, 2; Rang Co 3, 2, 1; Alpha Phi Omega 2, 1; ASCE 4, 3, 1; Library Asst 3; Ac Pro 2; Army Morning P Blow-Off Assoc 2, 1; China Town 3, 2, 1

I remember as a Rat looking down from the 4 stoop wondering if I'll ever make it to the 1 stoop. It's been the most stressful time in my lif and at the same time, the best experience of m life yet. I owe a lot to my family for all the support and love in helping me get through th crazy place. Mom and Dad, your "Boboy" ha finally grown into a true man. To my roommate Jano, John, and Lee, thanks for the good time we've had in '61 the past three years. Jano an John--good luck in the Marines as "naval avia tors". And Lee, keep doing the thing your be at--PARTYING! Also, to the '95 Bravo crew stay cool! Thanks to all my CE study buddies f all their help and friendship: Mike (FRICKIN'! Frankie, Todd, Arie, Chris, Austin, Tony, Q, Po and the rest of my CE Brother Rats. Finally, a much as I really bitch and complain about th place, I'm going to miss it. To my Dykes: learn t appreciate VMI--because I finally have.

Dykes 1992: Michael Dalton
1998: Nathan Wofford
Aaron Edmondson

Alfred E. Franco

I.S. / Marine Corps

Shoestring, Spic, Cajun, Crawfish

Houma, LA

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Mst Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Boxing 3,2; Semper Fi 2, 1; "Vice President" Number 1 Club; Balled at 21 Club; Board Member of LDDA; Deans List 3

When I came to VMI I honestly had no clue what was going to happen to me. At times I still wonder what I had gotten into. Goose, I guess your the one that I have to give creit to for exposing me to VMI. I want to thank everybody that helped me stay and endure. Sweetpea and Dad, I know it wasn't always easy for ya'll but your support has meant everything to me . Taylor, you taught me well and look what's happened. Mr. and Mrs. Holt ya'll really are my second family and it has ment everything to me to come home. Mr. and Mrs. Kraft it was always nice to know that I was welcomed and had a place to stay. I know I couldn't have been luckier than to have such friends then the ones I've made here. Kayce,Chad and Brian I don't think it would have been worth it had I not met ya'll. When we get out and finally make it we'll open the resort! Troy and Sam play the game for all its worth and it will pay off. To the rest of room 102 stay rowdy and hard. Finally to my mother, I believe that you have looked out for me up there .

Dykes 1992: Taylor Holt
1998: Troy Smith, Sam Breiner

Linden A. Fravel

C.E. / Air Force

Pete, Gravel, Hamburgler

Winchester, VA

Volleyball 3, 2, 1; Vice-pres 1, Arnold Air Society 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi 1; ASCE 1; College Republican 1; Deans List 4; USAF 4 yr scholarship; Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; Lt 1

Its Over! We're done!! It seemed like yesterday that we were all standing in new barracks watching cadre roll in. And now we march out with are heads high and hearts full of pride. Its all gone by so fast in retrospect but in what seemed a short time are memories to last a lifetime. To Jon, Jason, Erik, and the gang in 130 thanks for being great friends. (Jon, If your body was as big as your head, you'd make "Coco" look like a wimp.) I don't think I can say thankyou enough. I never knew how valuable friendships could be until I came here. I never understood the pride that alumni had in this school until this year. It seemed to grow as the year came closer to an end and the bond between BR's got stronger with the help of a "few" beers at the Palms. To my rats Mike, and Jeff I hope that your four years will be as fun as mine were. You are our living legacy to VMI. Good Luck! Mom, thanks for everything. I Love you.

Dykes 1992: Rich Lee
1998: Mike Bauman, Jeff Ramsey

Mark A. Fulk

History / Army

Fulkster, Marky Mark, Redneck

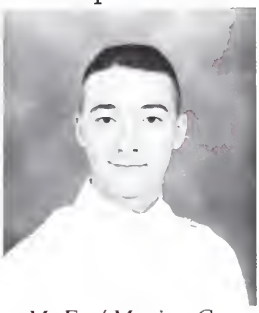
Fulks Run, VA

Cpl 3; #1 Club 3; Ops Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Cadet Battery 4, 3, 2, 1

In the fall of '91 I had no idea what I was getting into. I'm convinced that's the best way to prepare to spend four years at VMI. I wish I would have improved that stellar four year long 2.0 but I must say it's my only regret. One thing's for sure, it's gonna be tough getting used to cooking my own food and doing my own laundry after getting the great care and attention here at the "I". Q, don't forget to look me up when you get back to VA. You five new guys, make the most of your time here 'cause you only get one chance. Y'all remeber, you are always welcome in Fulks Run!

Dykes 1991: Mike Holloway
1998: Goef Alexander
David Willey

Christopher K. Fuller



M. E. / Marine Corps

Fuji

Lexington Park, MD

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Bulldog 2; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Choker Batt 2, 1; Rifle 4, 3; Marti Gras 4, 3, 2; Histerical Shoot 4, 3, 2, 1, ASME 3, 2, 1; Summer Scholar 3, 2

I can't believe its finally over. And it only took me four years (contrary to everyone's belief). Alot has changed in these four years. The ratline gave me a great sense of pride and confidence (I beat the Spider). Confinement gave me time to look into myself and see who I really was (and they gave me plenty of time to look). Third class year gave me insight to becoming a barracks lawyer (my authorized car), and got me on the dry wagon. Second class year left me with a ring, more confinement, and my conscience (Rick and Eric). And there was First class year, I fell in love for the first time, I had great Dykes. I only hope that I was as good a Dyke as my Dyke was to me. My love to my family and friends for helping me through my penance. Bohica.

Dykes 1992: Carl "the NFF" Engstrom
1998: Scott Reid
Andrew Lacey

Richard A. Gambrill

Civil Engineering / Army

Rick, Rickster, Rickman, PT

Richmond, VA

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; AC Pro 2; Summer Scholar 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, it has been a quick and painful four years here at the I. I have seen a lot of things come and go since I have been here. The Ratline taught me humility. My third class year is exactly as they said it would be. It sucked. My second class year brought me Ac Pro status and my Ring. My first class year has given me rats and responsibility. If it was not for my two roommates, Eric and Fuji, I don't think I could have made it. I would also like to thank Wills and KP for making my summers enjoyable here at the Institute. I hope I did as good as a job with my Dykes as they did with me. To Dan and Dennis, just remember, it is all a giant game that will be over in four years. I would like to thank my mom and dad for putting up with me. I really owe a huge thanks to my loving and very understanding girlfriend. She has had to put up with everything that this school has thrown at both of us.

Dykes 1992: Mike "Dick" Richardson
1998: Dan "The General" Dunn
Dennis Claytor

Todd S. Glasser

I.S. / Navy

Hairy Man, Flash, Carpet Bagger

Concordville, PA

CPL 3; OPS SGT 2; LT 1; Cadre 2,1; E Co. XO 1; Dean's List 4,2,1; Trident Soc. 3,2,1; IRC 3,2; College GOP 4,3,2; #1 Club 4,3; Conduct Pro 4,3; Haitian Vacation I

I am too young now to know the impact the Institute has had upon me. Third Class year wasn't as bad as I thought, but the one after it brought about a definite raise in my standard of living and as well as a lot of good Weizenbier with Ken. Finally, life as a First Classman brought on mixed feelings – unexpected sentiment that my time here is over and excitement that I'm about to go into the Navy. Through it all, I have to thank my Mom and Dad who made it possible for me to attend the Institute. To my roommates, Vaughn and Alan, what can I say? We've had more differences over the last three years and still stayed together. To my dykes, Dave, Mark, J.C., and Chris, I just hope I've had the impact in shaping your cadetships as my dykes had with mine. Lastly to my DelVal BR, we ended up sharing some things along the way. "Delta NCO's – EXPOSED!!" "Der dem Tode ins Augensicht schauen kann, der Soldat allein ist der freie Mann." -Friedrich Schiller

Dykes 1992: Chris "Scrappy" Jones
1998: Dave Benedick

Jeffrey E. Godby

English / Air Force

Gooby, GB, Goodbye, Dogby,

Yorktown, VA

Virgin Private, #1 Club, Alpha Phi Omega (President), English Society, English Honor Society, S-5 Counseling Staff, Dean's List, Cadet Waiter of the Month (JAN 94)

First and foremost, I thank my family and God for helping me get through this place. Mom and Pop, thanks for footin' the bill, but, more importantly, thank you for always keeping my spirits up when I really thought I couldn't make it. Leslie, you were always willing to sacrifice your Sundays for me. Dave, you've been like family since high school. Even though you went to a real college, you were always there for me. I also want to thank all of the roommates that I have had throughout my cadetship: Sang, Pat, John, Rob, Tuna, John, Brian, Brad, Geoff, and, of course, Stacy (Voulez-vous...? Je t'aime). You have all seen my best and my worst. I cannot begin to list all of the true friendships that I have made at VMI. Chris, I will never forget our extended coffee breaks and the lectures from Jim about our lackadaisical attitudes toward cadet waiting. Lee, when are we going to hike the whole thing? Tuna and Geoff, call me when you get real-life jobs--I might be looking for one by then.

Dykes 1992: Whiting Chisman
1998: Tom Butler

Geoffrey I. Goff

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Goof, Kick, The "Ville"

Wytheville, VA

Virgin Private; Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Academic All Conference 3, 2, 1; Big Red Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 2;

As I sit here pondering my thoughts as a cadet so often does, I remember telling myself on Break-Out Hill as a rat that 6 months of hell was finally over (Boy was I wrong!!!!). Whether I enjoyed myself or not, I made it through this emotional roller coaster called VMI. I would like to thank everyone that helped me along the way: Frank, Rusty, Lance P., you guys allowed me to understand what it takes not only to get out of VMI, but to be successful while I am here. Cindy, the value of your friendship has been priceless. Thank you for your support, love, and understanding. Mom and Dad, words can never describe the thanks and love I have for you. To the rest of the boyz, Brian, Goody, Tac, and Jason, your friendship will never be forgotten, and our time to play is never over (Roanoke Bound). Justin M., Brad, Tom, Bill, and Justin W., I have only two things to say: 1) put forth the extra effort and reap the benefits! 2) Cover your tracks and look over your shoulder! Until we meet again, goodbye VMI.

Dykes 1992: Frank Wilder
1998: Justin D. May, Brad Arnold

William T. Goodrich

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Billy, Goody, Rocko, GoodRock

Portsmouth, Va

Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; P-town Club; Roommates: Ryan Griffen, Jason Barnett, Joe Musso, Bryan Rychlik, Chris Yeatts

There are many things which I can say about VMI. Some are good, most are bad, but the fact still remains that I came here for four years. I would like to thank my family first, I love them dearly for putting up with four years of my B.S. Havird too, I would like to thank for pushing me to go here. You can learn alot here, but the one thing that I did learn was friendship. My best and closest friends are from VMI and always will be. From the midnight trips to Radford or the weekend feeding frenzies at JMU, my buds and I always had a good time, and I'm going to remember those good times for the rest of my life. We got a little crazy and a little stupid, and it was fun. Its funny how I think that I went through four years just to receive a name on a sheet of paper. But I know things will hit me later and that I will appreciate the Institute more, maybe when I'm 60. But its over now, and I can not wait to look back and say, "See kids, it wasn't that tough".

Dykes 1992: Dave Downs
1998: Pat Roberts

Mannoel B. Gorospe

English / Air Force

"G", Noel, Leewill

Woodbridge, VA

Arnold Air Society 3, 2, President 1; Drum Line 4, 3, 2, 1; Co-Capt 2; English Society 3, 2; Glee Club 4; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Regimental Band 4, 3, 2, 1

I would like to thank God & my family for givin' me moral support, endless love, & guiding light during my keydetship. Maj. "B," I give you my utmost thanks for all the good times. To the brothers out there, you all know who you are, take care of yourselves & each other, best of luck to you all, & I hope to keep in touch w/ you all! You have given me more fun, moral support, and memories in this insane world than I could've ever asked for. Thanks for being there fellas!!! In no significant order: Andy, we've gotta get together on the club deal, Leo, we've gotta get out of here ASAP, Tim, you need to grow downward, Jamie, what can I say, brothers always & STOP breakin' things!!; Dan, see you at the Timmins Club & at upcoming "getaways!"; German, Monkey, & Lassie, make the best of your remaining years here at the "I," & always LEAD BY EXAMPLE!; For my nephew dykes, trust me, it's all worth it in the end! Gentleman of the corps, I'm over & outta here!!

Dykes 1992: Jeff "Taps CCQ" Van Sanford
1998: Steve "The Monkey" Nichols
Marc "The German" Schweigert

Edward C. Gosline

Econ. Bus. / Army

Goose, Gos, Gasoline

Exmore, VA

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt/Pvt 1; Ranger Challenge 3, 2; Tanker Plt 1; DMS 1; MNMB S-2 1; AUSA VP 1; C Co S2 1; Dean's List 3; SCUBA club 2, 1; Rugby; College Repub.

I remember driving down Main Street in Lexington, during the summer tutorial program and I saw a bridge crossing the road labeled "Virginia Military Institute." Distinctly, I thought "This place looks like a prison." Little did I know that it was. After remaining at this "prison" for so long I have collected many memories over the past four years. Surprisingly, few of these are bad. I guess every cloud does have silver lining. The friendships I have made here are priceless. The time I have spent here has flown by and all the b.s. becomes more and more tolerable each year. I believe when that day in May comes it will all be worth it. I'm counting on my dykes to make it this far, so one day they will understand that all they have been through will amount to something. I wish the best of luck to all my BR's and I would like to thank my family and friends for all their support throughout my cadetship.

Dyke 1992: Churchill Bowles
1998: Allen Martindale
Steve Pruitt

David M. Griffin

English / Special Student

Max, Heavy G

Richmond, VA

Virgin Private; CDC 4; All Pro 4; Hop and Floo 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 3, 2; #1 Club; Beas Lite Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer Scholar 4, 3, 2 1; Whipping Boy 4, 3, 2, 1

Everything has happened so fast over the las four years that I cannot believe that it is alread over already. When I first arrived I wondered wha I got myself into. My decesion to come here wa just an idea that went too far. But if I had to do all over again, I would do it in a heartbeat. I woul like to thank Mom and Dad for putting up wit the bad grades and still paying my tuition. I know if my kid came home with those grades he'd b pumping gas. Mike, I knew you would listen t me and become a special student. Now all need to do is to get you to grow your hair out. B the way, Comett did it. Brandon, I can't eve remember half the crazy stuff we did togethe From that goon you almost killed at Norfolk t the parade deck streaks, we had some great times My identical twin Jim, I can't believe that I put u with oy for four years. Brad, hang in there an keep those grades up. I'll see you on the othe side. And finally, thanks to everyone else wh made this place a little more bearable. "This th end, beautiful friend, my only friend, the end." Jim Morrison.

Dykes 1992: Mark Loving
1998: Mark Bradford

Ryan R. Griffin

I. S. / Air Force

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Portsmouth, VA

Baseball 4, 3; Sports Medicine 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1

I really don't have much to say about this great place, because most of it would not be worth writing. However, I have made some great friends and some great memories. First, I would lie to thank my parents for everything that they have done. You guys are the best! No one could take your place, I appreciate everything. I would also like to thank my roommates. Billy, keep on living Goody's world. Barnett, we all miss you. Moose, it's finally going to be over, thank god. Brian, I hate Ohio, but you're all right. Finally, to all the fellas, best of luck. We will all do just fine. I hope. It has been great. Hope to see you all in the future.

Dykes 1992: Warren (W's) Williams
1998: John (the nose) Wright

Daniel E. Griles

Econ. Bus. / Special Student

Grills

Chesterfield, VA

Virgin Private; Varsity Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Rack Captain 3, 2, 1; CE 4; Econ. 3, 2, 1; APO 2, 1

I can not believe it is almost over! It has been a long and hard four years, but I don't think I would trade it for anything. The friends I have made here make this place almost bearable, ALMOST. To the guys that helped me make it through all the bad times, I offer my thanks. I'd also like to think my parents, grandparents, and Cindy; I owe alot to all of you, and without your constant support, I would left Lexington a long time ago. To Gary, you are probably the only one in the Corp dump, dirty, and stubborn enough to live with me three years, and I appreciate that. To Opp, your probably my best buddy at this sorry place, and your a hell of a guy. To you I wish happiness and better luck with your card game: take care. To all of the guys on the Football team, it was great. And finally, to Dawn, I owe you everything for sticking with me for the last seven years. I'll love you FOREVER!

Dykes 1991: Ian Connor
1998: Mark Redman, Donnie Evans

Christopher W. Grimes

History / Special Student

Grimace, Grimbo, Fry Cook

Richmond, VA

Club 410 4, 3, 2, 1; Hack Club 1; Ac Pro 4, 3; Pervert Shavers 3, 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop and Floor 1; BOMB 1; Summer School Stud 4, 3, 2; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1

What a long strange trip it's been! The good times have come and gone. It was terrible, but we all made it. The VMI experience is not much more than a blur. Derek and Ricky, I could not have done it without y'all, You guys are the greatest friends in the world. **THANKS!** Pervert, it has been unreal! No words describe the laughs and times we have had. We will always be 1. Umpa, Baby Eric, Peach, Paul, Nurney, Mike, Two-tap and Russ, ENOUGH SAID.To all of my friends, diamonds are not the only things that last forever - best of luck in the future. To my parents, I LOVE YOU - You sacrificed as much as I did, and college would not have been possible without your help. Brian - thanks for the support. Candace, thank you for all you have done. I will never forget it - I LOVE YOU! This is not the end my friends... only the beginning. Thanks Everybody.

Dykes 1992: David Weisenberger
1998: Ray "the Rooster" Lambert

Taylor L. Grimes

I.S. / Marine Corps

Leebo, The Gypsy, Dracula, Elvis

Woodbridge, VA

Cross Country 4,3, Indoor /Outdoor Track 4,3, Norsemen 4,3,2,1, Mule 4,3,2,1, Dead Dippers Society 4,3,2,1, #1 Club 1, Pvt. 1, All Boys Club 4,3,2,1, English Society 2,1

And with a fatty in lip, the Norsemen Cometh! The slogan of the Dead Dipper's Society truly encompasses my long tenure at the Institute. As a rat I quickly learned the true sense of brotherhood that bonds all cadets together. It was this spirit, combined with weekends, that has enabled me to endure the often miserable four years I have spent at the Institute. It was not until second class year, the year of confinement, that I truly experienced all that VMI has to offer. But that is why I came to the Institute, to accept and overcome the challenges presented before me. The one advantage I have had is the many friends I have made over my four years as a cadet. They have sustained me through thick and thin, as only Brother Rats can. I'll always remember the great times we had together. The Institute has provided at least that one reward, for all of the time and effort I have exhausted here. In the true spirit of the Norsemen we do more in one weekend than most college students do in four years.

Dykes 1992: Anthony Brinkley
1995: Hayden "Hoo-Rah" McQuay

Harold D. Groseclose

Biology / Special Student

Grosey

Covington, Virginia

Baseball, 4,3,2,1

I can't think of a better way to begin than reflecting back on the poem by Robert Frost, entitled "The Road Less Traveled." From the first recruiting letter, until I walk the stage, I can honestly say it has been long and hard, and the only winners were those who survived, the road was full of lessons in which we will call upon for the rest of our lives. During my journey there were many times I stumbled, but their was always someone there. To mom and dad, If I bought you the world, it would never be enough to repay you for all you have provided me with over the past four years. You are both the most supportive and loving parents in the entire world. To Kim, you will always be a hero to me. To Melanie, you have just accomplished the most difficult task ever to be asked of a girlfriend. Thank you so very much for all the strength. To Sean and Dale, good luck with your journey. Now, to the boys where all the memories and secrets lie, Good Bye!

Dykes 1992: Kirk Lipes
1998: Sean Hicklin

Mark D. Hagan

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

B.R. Mark

Norfolk, Virginia

4,3,2,1, Private, TCFC Chairman, Treasurer, 2,1 Cadet Investment Group, 4,3, Boxing, 1, Cade Staff, Trap

As much fun as they told us we'd never hav here, didn't we show them a few things..This plac means more to me than any college or universit ever could and the times spent here have bee some of the best ever. The Institute has prepare us well; we wear the ring so many have attempte to obtain. Mark, from 470 to 146 we've bee through it, hang tough. Monk, you're on way soon we will be rich. Ed, the answer is alway yes, too much to mention. Rich, we were drink ing when we decided to come here and some how we turned out to be exactly right. Sean, giv 'em hell. Hartwell, do you remember that gu that lived at RFK? Jay and Brad, a dog, a dance a beverage, and a few cretins, imagine the possi bilities. Kevin, don't hurt 'em. Addison an Bobby, see you at your graduation. Matt Griffir Josh Priest, Rick Nowitzky, Uncle Tommy: Yo all inspired me and showed me it was worth i To my family at home, and especiall Grandmama and Grandaddy, your support, en thusiasm, and blessings erased all doubt in m mind. Thank you for everything.

Dykes 1992: Carney Taylor
1998: Bobby Heely

Franklin A. Haltom

C.E. / Air Force

Frankie, Sweetpea

Chesapeake, VA

Virgin Private 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 4,3,2,1; China Town 4,3,2,1; Bomb Staff 2; Katherine 2,1; Rat Daddy 3,2,1; Number One Club 2; Conduct Pro. 2

I would like to begin by thanking God for getting me through. I can't say that it's been wonderful but there's been a load of laughs. Ring Figure was a weekend never to be forgotten. I've made a lot of new friends since matriculation day. Thanks to Yong, Brandon, for bearing with me since we were rats and being such great friends. Thanks to the wrestling team for all the fun road trips and treacherous practices. Special thanks to all my good friends: Alexis, Bill, Mark, Mike, Elvin, Rich, SG, Todd, Sean, Q., Jon, Jano, Chad, Dave G., Jim F., thanks for all the fun times! Joe thanks for being there every time. My dyke, Steve, I would like to thank for teaching me and being the best dyke there is. Katherine you hold very special place in my heart. But most of all I'd like to thank my parents for all the love and support they've given me to make it through the I. Mom and Dad I love you. Chris, Doug, Brett, and Brady, good luck and study hard. BROTHER RATS! ARE YOU READY! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

Dykes 1992: Steve Pitts
1998: Chris Wise, Doug Whalen

James E. Harbuck

English / Air Force

Fall Guy, Buck, Tag Team II

Kilmarnock, Virginia

Brass Ensemble 4, 3; Commanders 4; Rugby 3; Cpl 3; Pvt 4, 2, 1; Mardi Gras Drunk Team 4, 3, 2; Whop a Wop Club 3, 2, 1; Virginia Gentleman 3, 2, 1 China Town Resident 2, 1

For one reason or another we all made the decision to come here, but it is through perseverance and determination that we have made it. Even though hard, the 4 years that I have spent here will be my most cherished, and the friends I have made will never be forgotten. Thanks go to many people for making my life at VMI somewhat bearable. To my dykes if it had not been for you the ratline would have been unbearable. To the members of China Town (you know who you are) I wish you all good luck, and your the best friends a guy could have. To John C. have fun on your navy boats, watch out for bombs you can't diffuse, and remember "Tag Team back again!" To Zack remember all your connections won't help you from a charging bull. To Matt and Clark life will throw you some hard punches, but just keep throwing the jab and you will win. Also, beware of all women colleges they are evil! Finally, to my mother I thank you for your patience and love through all the problems. To all I wish Good Luck!

Dykes 1992: Clint Seybold
1998: Matt Baldwin, Clark Twiddy

Christian A. Hartwell

English / Special Student

Hippy, Treehugger, Hart

Landenberg, PA

Cross country 4; Indoor Track 4; English Society 4, 2, 1; VMI Theater 4, 1; Mess Hall Stallion 2, 1; The Cadet Staff 1; DDS

At the beginning of the bicycling trip, John asked me if I wanted to attend VMI. I said no. After nine days on the road and at the end of the trip, I agreed. We matriculated, put a dip of Copenhagen in with our best friends and suddenly, The Norseman appeared. He has been with us since and swore never to leave. I owe proper thanks to John for asking me to matriculate, because if I hadn't, I would never have met the best people I could ever know, namely my roommates, Rich, Ed, Sean, and Drew and all other members of the Dead Dippers Society. Granted, some of our whiskey sessions were a little extreme, but they all have led to some fantastic & unforgettable memories. Mom & Dad, it's been 7 years & it is still October, my legs are worn & I'm tired in every respect. But I'm trudging forward, because I know, right now, that is what's right.

Dykes 1992: Erik Fuller
1998: Sebatian Joly

Richard T. Hauben

E. E. / Air Force

Tran the Man, Rick, not Dick

Alexandria, Virginia

3rd BN S-2 1; H2O Polo 4; Swimming 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; AAS 2, 1; IEEE 1(Treas); Tau Beta Pi; Monogram club 2, 1(VP); Barracks Arsonist 4, 3, 2; Nocturnal Creature 4 -1

Well, I won't beat around the bush, IT SUCKED. But now that I'm checking out of Pleasure Island, I think to myself what did I learn here? A wealth of wisdom, actually: the sink isn't just for washing your hands, sometimes less is more (and vice-versa); and that it's not as important to get the job done, as it is to look good, but definitely do it the hardest way possible, and of course brag about how bad you had it. Adapt, migrate, or die. Only 11 E^2 out of 33 still alive and kicking; well, if being the elite -- in the Master Major was easy, everyone would do it. 'Well, at least we can be sure that the raping will stop once we depart. Well G'luck to the rest, and so long to the suckers and perpetrators. No more straining in the back in Stillborn Hall by Sgt. Doom. No more Peptobismal post-Crozet-drip. No more nuthin'. No thanks mom and dad for NOT forcing me to go to UVA. Don't believe the hype. And to the swimmers: "Go in hard, come out wet."

Dykes 1990: Glen Barr, Earl Martin
1998: Melvin Bonafacio, Rob Eddy

Paul A. Hayes III

C.E. / Army

Paul

Hayes, VA

Pvt 4, 2, 1; Sgt 3; Sports Medicine 4, 3, 2

First of all I would like to thank my mother for being there and helping me through this place. Then I would like to thank the friends I have at UVA and VA Tech, because if it were not for them I would not of had anywhere to stay on weekends except at the 1. Even though this place picked at every nerve in my body I am glad that I remained a cadet. Thanks Bouch, Creegan, and Ben (even though you didn't stick it out) for being great roommates rat year. BC and Cash, what can I say, thanks for coming to my rescue; you all have been great roommates. "Spent four years prostrate to the higher mind, got my paper and I was free!!"---Indigo Girls

Dykes 1992: Todd Washington
1998: Eddie Hidalgo
Brian Pearson

Robert C. Henry

English / Special Student

Bubba

Byfield, MA

Fellowship of Christian Atheletes 4, 3, 2, 1

These past four years have gone by pretty f
Although I have had mostly displeasurable e
periences here, I have also had some good tin
I have heard some cadets say that you either l
VMI, tolerate it, or hate it. I don't know if the
a category between tolerating it and hating it,
I think that is where I fit in. If I wanted to h
fun at college I would have gone someplace e
But I'm glad that I went to VMI because I
lieve it gave me an insight to life that other
leges can't provide. I know it will help me w
I finally get out in the real world and actually s
living like a real person. You see, people
friends I've talked to that go to regular colle
all dread the day they graduate. I don't kn
many cadets that would not want to graduate
leave this place for good! I know I most certai
do. But until then, let me leave you with so
words of wisdom that perfectly sum up the id
ogy I have come to accept as a cadet....All w
no play, makes jack a dull boy. All work, no p
makes jack a dull boy.

Dykes 1992: A.J. Bonoldi
1998: Ed Neibert

Kevin R. Hershberger

I.S. / Army

Hershey, Squirt, Hushpuppy, Hersh

Fallston, MD

Color Corporal 3; Color Sgt 2; 3rd Batt S-5 Lt 1; President CWRT; Cadre 2, 1; National Guard SMP 2, 1; College Republicans 1; VMI Museum Staff; VMI Theatre

I won't B.S. anyone and say that I didn't like VMI while I was a Cadet. I've literaly loved all four years and the friends I've made. I was stressed out sometimes with the academics, the ratline, the constant time crunches, but there was no one to blame but myself. I'm the one who chose to go to VMI, and so I made the best of every situation (or at least I tried!). I'll miss everyone, but I know I won't be able to stay away from school for too long, no matter what anyone says before they graduate. Thanks Mom, Dad, Kelly, & Korey. Kermit, be cool and remember: "keep your you-know-what hard and your powder dry and the world will turn." Russ, take it easy and Brian, thanks for being a great friend and keep in touch. Oh, and remember to go and see my movies when I'm a famous Director (I can use the money!). Cheers to Club 410, and "Obesa Cantavit!"

Dykes 1992: Todd Allen Pegg
1998: Daniel "Kermit" Gibson

Kevin L. Hoffer

History / Air Force

Jimmy, Jimmy Hoffa

Moorestown, NJ

Virgin Private; Scuba Club 3, 2; Model Arab League; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; First Class Editor Bomb; VMI Firefighters 3; Arcade Stud 2, 1; College Republicans 1; Rat Daddy 3, 2, 1

My time at VMI has been "OK." But I guess I have lived through it. Normal college would have been great. Needless to say, I have learned a thing or two. To my wonderful roomates, keep in touch and enjoy life while you still got it. Dwell on the good, not the bad. And **it** really does happen sometimes. Marc, your better than you think, you have a level head and really know what you want. Shawn, good luck in swimming, you'll get better in the coming years. The rat line really isn't all that bad is it? To the rest of the 140 rats, well....have fun in the next years, but strain while your at it. And a big thank you to room 152 for all the good times and the use of the computers for the advancement of my scholary studies. Keep in touch and just have a real great time. Mom and Dad, you pushed me more than I let on; heck, sometimes I thought you two wouldn't let up. Thank you much the same.

Dykes 1992: Mike "Cat" Morris
1998: Marc Clemente
Shawn Shutts

James D. Holden, Jr.

History / Chair Force

Junior, Facts, Woodstock, The Sun

Richmond, VA

MBC Rep (Night Student) 4, 2, 1; Basketball Mngr 4, 3, 2, 1; Forum Sect Editor Cadet 2, 1; Circle K Pres 1; Collapsed Lung 3; Virgin Private; Sinks 4, 1; Olympic Rack Team 2, 1

I would like to thank the following: God, from whom all things are possible. My sister and best friend Liz, who does anything I ask, and who is always there for me, even when I am a jerk. My Dyke, Eddie, whose always provided me with strength and good advice. My family who always put up with my crap. My great roomies, with whom I share a sick sense of humor. The b-ball team, with whom I have spent so much time. My Uncle Dykes: Jim Myers and Rob Ritchie, who helped me to much. All of the the coaches who I have had the pleasure to learn from: Joe Cantafio, Jim Baker, Dave Manzer, Ramon Williams, Ed Conroy, Bart Bellairs, Kenny Brooks, and Kirby Dean. I Can't Complain, But Sometimes I Still Do. Life's Been Good To Me So Far -Joe Walsh It's A Town Full Of Losers And I'm Pulling Out Of Here To Win -Bruce Springsteen Whatever tears at us, If nothing can be done, we'll make the best of what's around -Dave Matthews Have A Good Time All The Time. -Spinal Tap

Dykes: 1992: Eddie Van Duren
1998: Darren Rose

John J. Hopkins

Marine Corps / Biology

Hop, Yo!Yo!Yo!, BD, Hoppy G.

Oceanside, N. Y.

Virgin Private; Nowhere to be seen 3; Football 4, 2; Boxing 1; Summer Break at VMI 3, 2; Con Pro 2; Booze cruze 4; Barracks Drinking Club 4, 2, 1; Fifth stoop and Parade rapper

What was I thinking when I signed my precious college years away on that horrid day, August 13, 1991. Robbie S. I owe you my life what else can I say. Rich, Rob F., Devon...thanks, by the way I can speak English. T-SMACKS(ERS), lets go golfin. Don't touch this thermosisosis. Thanks Ronnie. Diego(D), I will never forget the memories in 429. Hey Geoff, lets wrestle. Key, (LB sucks), its been great. You're stupid, they still can't figure it out. To the rats, hang in there, you will make it. Finally, I want to say thank you. First and foremost, I would like to thank God. To Mom and Dad, thanks for always being there when I needed comfort, support or your loving voice to talk to. To Mary, my little errand sister, thanks for being there at the wee hours of the night at port authority. I Love all of you. ....Listen, you're dreaming John, you're dreaming, you can't posssssssibly make it through that school.... wake up!! Well, who gets the last laugh, I made it and did the impossible.

Dykes 1992: Rob "Elvis" Schonberger
1998: Wally "Spaz Rat" Cummings
Jeff "the Zoner" Meade

Christopher D. Hoskins

Biology / Air Force

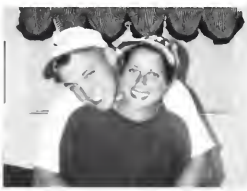
Skins

Chesterfield, VA

Soccer 4; OGA 1; Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Cadet Recreation Committee 3; Dean's List; Virgin Private; Road Trip Club

The last four years have come and gone. I'll never forget my friends and the memories we've made. Barry and Joey: thanks for being there, I'll never forget you two. John, thanks for all your help and "I did think she loved you." Keith("Stinky"): Spring Break '93 wouldn't have been the same without you. Kevin, I never thought you had it in you, but Spinnaker knew you did. Dev, Kev, Bur: maybe one day we'll be roomies. Todd, stop lying. Tom, always live up to your name. To all my boys: wanna roll? You guys are my best friends, keep in touch. Mom and Dad, I couldn't have done it without your support, guidance, and love. Lori, I wish I could have been there to see you grow up. Gigs and Grams, Paps and Mams: I love you too. The Westbrooks, thanks for everything. And finally Bridget, I never would have made it without you. Your heart knows no bounds and your love unrivaled; I Love You.

Dykes 1992: Charlie Martin
1998: Matt Halsey
Brian Lyerle



Thomas E. Hoskins

Economics / Air Force

Tuna, Skins

Coal Valley, IL

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; Dean's List 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4; Powe Lifting 1; APO VP; CIG 2, 1; Worming 4, 3, 2, 1 Circle G 3, 2, 1; Cocke Hall Ball 4, 3, 2, 1

It's been an eventful four years, and I can honestl say if I had found my parents that first day I woul have left this hole. It would have been one hell o a walk to Illinois. Looking back, I'm almost gla I stayed. Throughout my years I've made som lifetime friendships I hope never to lose. M roommates Jeff, Geoff, John, Brad, and 461 kep this place bearable and I thank you. Andy an Stew thanks for the guidance and support tha kept me straight through the years. To all m friends, especially 173, thanks for the good times Mom, dad, S, J, D, and Uncle C thanks for all th support. I've been given one chance and I pray t God I use it wisely.

Dykes 1991: Andy Mays
1998: Bill Nootens, Justin Wolfe

John C. Howland Jr.

History / Air Force

Shiddy, Budda

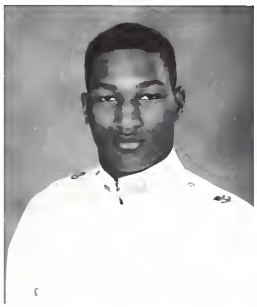
Hemdon, VA

Rat-4, Cpl-3, Sgt-2, Pvt-1; Swimming 4,3,2,1; Captain-1, Boss Ross Fan Club 4,3,2,1; Big Red Club 2,1 Pres-1; Monogram Club 4,3,2,1; Key West 3,1; Con Pro 1, AC Pro 2, Lover of Life

Well it's almost over. I look back and ask myself; Why am I here? I still don't know. I'm going to graduate and get the hell out of here. To all my BR's -Freind's forever-Farewell-Best of Luck. To al my dykes from 98, good luck. Most importantly, to my family, I love you all very much, thanks for all the support. I will remember it forever. Bouch, Jones, and Homie, thanks for all the late night BS sessions. Later!

Dykes 1992: Jason Troxell
1998: Wendell Tucker

Jeffrey L. Hubbard



C.E. / Air Force

Jeffro, Hubb, Bodeen

Lynchburg, VA

Football 4,3,2,1; Promaji 4,3,2,1; Gospel Choir 4,3,2,1; In & Outdoor track 4,3,2,1; Outdoor SC 3x jump champ 3; 3rd place 2; Indoor 2nd place 2; Member of 2 champ SC track teams

First of all I would like 2 thank God 4 loving me. Next, my mother & June 4 always being there 4 me, I Love You! The rest of my family & friends at home(Boy, Jay, Biscuit, Kris, B.J, and Dean), All of my boys here(335,239,231, & my real brothers on all the stoops, stay real), the football coaches, Coach Bozeman 4 getting me here & keeping me here(I'm a Champion), Phil 4 the introduction, my track teammates 4 encouragement(javelin?), my roommates Timmy(bath co.),Tuck(true friend, lynchburg is all dat) & Julian(you're the best & don't 4get me.), my daughter Ariel Jasmine 4 inspiring me 2 be the best I can. I Love You, Angela(You helped a lot & inspired me also, sorry about the phone bills), Merlin(the g-house is always on), Speed(don't slow down) Wally(stop mackin'),& Dre(you still 2 slow). Its been a wild ride & I'm ready 2 get off. My years were well spent & 2 long. This place gives me the creeps. I'm Audi 5000 and ABC. Hubb!

Dykes 1992: Marcus Mines
1998:

Marlin M. Ikenberry

Econ. Bus / Air Force

Fish, Ike

Richmond, VA

Varsity Letter Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1

"One great deal after another." I guess the "T" had its ups when we were leaving on the train to Mary Baldwin, West Palm, The Mecca, JMU, and UVA. The long days at the "Patch" will never be forgotten. Weekends on the road, Charleston and Marshall '93. Guys on the team, J. P., Sparky and Gripp. Long rag sessions in the room at the wee hours. Lee thanks for all those Sundays rat year. Steve, Dee Dee, Domingo thanks for rationalizing. Mom and Dad, thanks for the 4 years of support, listening and understanding and phone bill. I love you all. I can't leave the most important people out room 340, 248, 148, etc. Load, what can I say 12 years, Dave thanks for your optimism and most of all Earl. I love you guys. "The Cave"

"It doesn't matter if you have fun, its whether you win or lose."

Dykes 1992: Patrick O'Ferral, Wes Poff
1998: Nate Shiflett

Merlin M. Ikenbery

History / Army

Earl, Ike, Dingle

Richmond, VA

Varsity Letter Baseball 4, 3, 2, 1; The Monogram Club; Virgin Private; Summer School Club

It's hard to some up four years of VMI, but here goes. When I first arrived, I knew I didn't belong because 40 years ago guys like me didn't go to college. Yes the pressure is off, I will not graduate with my class or my ---hole brother. I've met some great friends here, especially the guys on the team. I want to thank my parents for supporting everything I did here. Tracey, I thank for sticking it out with me. Together we've been through a lot good times here and hope we continue to stay together. And for my roommates, Dave, Load and Marlin, 3rd class year was tight (trash compactor) and 2nd class year at times I could have gone ape----, but I'm glad we stayed together and I'll never forget you guys. To my dykes, my advice is this. If you are thinking of leaving, do it before your 1st year. But I happen to believe that all you guys will make it too. Farewell college life.

Dykes 1992: Patrick O'fferal
1998: Gardener Mundy

Jeremy W. Ingram

Econ/Bus. Air Force

Stubby, Stump, Juice

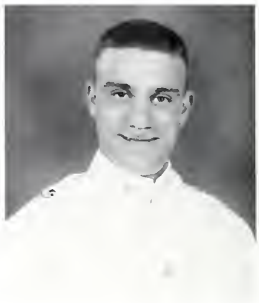
Virginia Beach, VA

Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; Team Captain 2, 1; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Investment Club 1; Chaplain's Bible Study 3, 2, 1; Reg S-6 Sgt 2; H Co 1; Dean's list 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac Stars 2, 1

The time has come when VMI is in the rear view mirror. I often asked myself why in the world I decided to come to this unique school, but I must say God knew what he was doing when he placed me here. I must say that this has been a rigorous and challenging four years and I have VMI to thank. Yes, you gave us our shares of challenges, sorrows, fears, hopes and even triumphs and most of all you instilled in us a special honor that is rare in our present world. In all of my despair and troubles, God always seemed to be there to keep me going. I have VMI to thank for my stronger relationship with God because without him I would not have made it through. To my Family and Lisa, thank you for all your support and encouragement. You mean the world to me and I am blessed to have such a good family. Brian (UCC), you have been the best friend and roommate. "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me"

Dykes 1992: Brian Mason
1998: Pat Baker, Justin Lewis

Raymond F. Jaklitsch Jr.



M. E. / Army

Jackoff, High Roller, Soldier, Heinous

Williamsburg, VA

Ranger Co 2; High Roller 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Colo Sgt 2; 1st Bat CO; Wrestling 4; ASME 2, 1 Chaplain's Com 3, 2, 1; APO 2, 1; Ring Figur Com 3, 2; Took Care of DS 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3,

First, I wouls like to thank my parents and Goo for getting me through this endeavor. This is strange place. I don't know anywhere else that hate so much, but would stand up for it's name no matter what the cost. As I think about my cadetship and wonder where it has gone, I think of all th dumb things I've said and have made you learn to say. In 50 or 60 years, read this and see if you remember any of htis stuff: M.F., Gangsta, Pabl Honey, hey Wysong, Dog Man, High Roller Snoop, Gat, German, choker, I can draw that Pimpdaddy, "Red 5 Standing by", Starblazer, wave Motion Gun, Hustling, Soldierand I think that enough for now. It's been real, it's been fun, bu most of all, we're done! As I think of all of those sayings, I've done alot at this place. Scott, Matt and the 404 crew, we've made it, what a long way we've come. Jason, Mike and the rest of the class of 1998, Good Luck--and make a good name fo the Institute in whatever you do. In the year 2045 our class will have it's 50th reunion. After wives kids, grandkids, and wahtever else lies in our path I'm eager to look back on this place.

Dykes 1992: Neal Corson
1998: Mike Marquette

Kenneth M. Jambor

E.E. / Coast Guard

Ken

Kobe, Japan

Band; Liberator 4, 3, ?, ?; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; IHDM 4, 3, 2, 1; Cpl 3; Msgt 2; XO 1; Cadre 3, 2, 1; Brass Ensemble 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Challenge 2, 1; IEEE 1; SLI 4; LA heckler 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, whaddya know . . . it's finally over. Four years of VMI is simply four years too many. MOM and DAD, thank you for all the support that you gave me while I was at Andover and VMI. I could have never made it without you. Andy and Noriko, you were my family in the states, thanks for taking care of me. Maj. B., you helped me find a home here at VMI. Matt, c'mon, let me borrow that armadillo. "Ranger" Ralph, you will always be my inferior when it comes to software entertainment. Ben, learn the M-14 parts in English. Feeney, you will NEVER out drink me. YOEL, you can come work for me someday. Todd Boykin, USMC SUCKS (kidding/ good luck). To the faculty of EE (except Dr. Balazs), you didn't help me find enlightenment. Sandi, I hope menopause ends quickly. To my family, thanks for all your advice over the years. Mom and Dad, I love you. Finally, Wendy, you're the one who helped me stay sane at this place. I Love You.

Dykes 1995: John A. Ward
1998: Todd R. Boykin

Guan J. Jang

M. E. / Army

Dr J

Washington D.C.

Dean's list 1, 3; Tau Beta Pi 1, 2; International Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Corporal 4

Well, it really makes people feel sad and happy that the VMI experience is almost over. For the past four years, there were many people helping me to go through each process of cadetship. Thanks to my parents, my sister, and my brother. You always support me and give me spiritual encouragement to face each problem. Thanks to my government. You always send me checks and give me this great chance to see a different culture. Thanks to my roommates (Josh and Cang), you let me realize the true meanings of friendship. Thanks to VMI. Thanks to my BRs. See you my friends.

Dykes 1992: Timothy Dzierzek, Jr
1998: Bill Beard

Anthony Jaso

Economics / Air Force

Jas, Butt, C.B.O., Big Drawe

Arlington, VA

Pvt 4, 3, 2, 1; C.P.B. 1 VP; Ac Stud 4, 3, 2, 1; Econ Winner 4, 3, 2, 1; J.M.U. Commuter 2, 1

Well the time has come to write my history and not a day to soon. There were many times that I doubted whether I would ever get through this bad dream. Luckily, there were people who helped me along the way. **Jose, Mom, Nan, and Joe**, to say thank you is not enough. You all have supported me every step of the way and told me that I would see this through even when I did'nt believe it myself. I will always be greatful for this. **Brian**, We have just about seen it all. It's a wonder why we have'nt jumped off the 4th stoop.(There is still time!) The land of King Arthur is calling our name. **Led**, too bad we did'nt get to finish the game. I guess everything happens for a reason. **Chad**, You and I have grown to be good friends in the past couple of years. You and your folks have come through for me in tough times. I will always be grateful. There is a Hooters out there with our name on it. **Eazy**, You have been a true friend as well. Life in room 156 would'nt be the same without you. **The boys from home**, thanks for being there on the weekends.

Dykes 1992: Greg Andricos
1998: McManus

Scott M. Jewell

English / Air Force

Jew Boy, Tool

Lynchburg, VA

Cpl 3; Rugby 3, 2, 1; Quintet 2, 1; Preston Society 2, Pres 1; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac Dud 4, 3, 2, 1; W&L Date Club 2, 1; Martial Arts 4, 3, 2, 1

It seems like only yesterday that I was watching my dyke type up his first class history. The road less traveled is almost at an end. And all I can say is thank God!! My four years at VMI have taught me to never take anything at face value, and to trust your friends above all others. Thanks Mom and Dad, I would not be here without you. John and Zach you guys made the last one interesting, I'll always have a cold beer for you, and an free ear for another installment of the Hobble doo Gagga Saga. Ralph, where were we four years ago, if I ever need anyone to cruise with I'll give you a call. And Elvin, take care of that bad back. Fuji, thanks for the two years of toleration. David, I hope that we both end up behind the cockpit of an F-15. Good Luck. I want to leave VMI with a subtle fading away, the Institute will forget me much sooner that I ever will. I hated the incarceration of VMI but I'd never change it for the world. The friends I've met are the best, the place could have been better, but the time was right.

Dykes 1992: Al "caholic" Saunders
1998: Mike "Hrothgar" Gorman
Josh "Speedy" Hahlahn

Andrew D. Johnson

Biology-French / Navy

Crazy, Accident Man

Rome, GE

Bomb Staff 2, Business Manager 1; Institute Scholars 4,3,2,1; SCUBA 3,2,1; Martial Arts Club 4,3,2; Honors Forum 2,1;; Summer Scholars in Biology 3; French Honor Society

It's been a long four years and I'm not entirely without regret that its over. It's not the place, but the people that have made it fun. Noel, you've put up with three years of me. Even if you don't get a comission, you deserve the Medal of Honor for it. Sam, you've been the only one who'd get up in the wee hours of the morning to go on a mission or blow off studying for three tests for a night at the Palms. Thanks for the good times and don't forget the Johnson Theorem. Tim, you've been a great roommate this year as well as an outstanding Bomb Fuhrer. I sincerely hope things get better with the family and that you get the CIA job. Justin, what can I say? You know the truth of the Johnson Theorem and you'll never forget. Trey, you have my deepest sympathies for having to be here another year. Billy, I'm glad we're both He-Man Woman Haters otherwise we might not have wound up being friends. To you, my other BR's who I may not have known as well, I give my best. To the world, look out I'm graduating.

Dykes 1992: Bryan Saunders
1998: Pete Pembrooke

David A. Johnson

History / Special Student

Capt Fatty, Fat Boy, Pilsboy, Umpa

Simsbury, CN

Lax 3, 2, 1; Crease Club; Palms Club; Virgi Private Club

"Most survivors do not remember the deliriu in detail". If that statement applied to VMI, w wouldn't drink so heavily . At any rate, I have t thank my mother and father for their undying lov patience, and support. I know in my heart I'd b in jail if it were not for the two of you. Secondl thanks must be given to my three brother Matthew, Jerrad, and Andrew. I couldn't ask fo better brothers. Thirdly, to the guys in '42 thank for helping me and showing me how to get throug VMI the right way. Finally, to the '21 boys Drew, Sid, and Greg- the best friends I'll ever hav The times we spent will always be an unforgettabl part of this insufferable experience they call colleg To all the rest and (you know who you are) thank for helping me get through.

Dykes 1992: John "Big Bird" Williamson
1998: Dale Christensen, Mike Henley

Lester Johnson Jr.

M. E. / Air Force

Richmond, VA

No History Submitted.

Dykes 1992:
1998:

Michael S. Johnson

Bus. Econ. / Marine Corps

Mike, Slurpee

Allentown, PA

Professional Rat 4; Reg Cpl 3; Reg S-4 Sgt 2; LT 1; Semper FI 4, 3, 2, 1; Rat Training 3, 2, 1; Society of the Tin 4, 3, 2, 1; Cannonball Committee 1

How do I begin to sum up my four years at VMI and thank everybody in such a small space? First I want to thank my parents for all they have done for me. Thank you for pointing me in the right direction when I needed it and when I didn't realize I needed it. Thank you for all the opportunities that you gave me. AT&T will never have to worry about going out of business with us. Uncle Mike thank you for showing me the way and for all the advice, without you I don't know what I would do. Thanks also to you and your BR's for never letting me forget how much tougher it was in the old corps. Michele, WE MADE IT! We have gone through so much together thank you for always being by my side when I needed you most. To Steve and Tom thanks for everything especially being my mom when she wasn't here. I will never forget the both of you. To Brian and Shane use what I taught you and make the best of your four years here. To everybody else, I thank you too. "God favors the bold and the strong of heart" Gen. A. A. Vandergrift, USMC

Dykes 1992: Dwight Smith
1998: Shane Finley, Brian Bailey

William R. Johnson

Bus. Econ. / Air Force

Shiste Dog, Spike

York, PA

Football 4,3,2,1

I've had my ups and downs here at the Institute, but now that I look back I feel as if it was all worth it. Form the first day I set foot on post I wondered if this was for me, could I really survive at this school? Under the supervision of some "true Brothers" (Buddha, Dap, Chadwick, Curt, Mines, Lo) I learned some valuable lessons, and as a result made it to this point. But where would I be without my boyz, thanks for putting up with my crap, if you ever need me I'll be there for yall (you know who you are). Last but not least all praise is due to God for giving me a mother like the one I have. Mom, this one's for you with all my love. P.S. Extra special thanks to Robert S. Penn & my Loving Grandmother.

Dykes 1992: D'anthony Tillery
1998: Robert Harley, Ed WIlliams

Jeffrey M. Jones

History / Air Force

Jonsie, Honez

Newport News, VA

Cpl 3; Bat S-4 1; Swim 4, 3, 2, Team Capt 1; Dean's List 4, 3, 2, 1; All-South Conf Ac 3, 2, 1; Cadet Asst 3, 2, 1; West Palm Beach 4, 3, 2, 1; Coach Ross Fan Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Tired 4, 3, 2, 1

Well, its has been a quick four years. I really don't know why I came to VMI, but graduating should give me the answer. Although it sounds stupid, I like to thank the guys who have helped me get through this horrible place. Cregan, all the last minute late studies that we've gone through, and all the partying in West Palm, will be missed. Bouch, your continual pestering, your late night Taco Bell runs, and your thinking that Water Polo is a real team, can't be replaced. I'll miss you fellas. Last but not least, fellow swimmers, they guys I will probably miss the most, I leave the water to you. Russ, Pete, good luck dealing with "Boss" Ross. Mom and Dad, Chris, Craig, Robin, Denise I owe you everything for the last four years. Chad, Flash, Grendal, I leave VMI to you.

Dykes 1992: Mike Kamin
1998: John Gorden, John Gendren
Chad Flansburg

James N. Joyner III

English / Army

Num, Townie, Toolman

Richmond, VA

Pvt 4; Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; Lt 1; Cadre 3, 2; Rat Challenge 4, 3; SLI 2, 1; Mtn. Bike Team 3; Summer School 3, 2; Cadet Staff 2, 1; Pervert Corner 4, 3, 2, 1; Low Roller 1

First I would like to thank all of those that have made my life here a great deal easier. Mom and dad you have been a major influence in everything I have done here the past four years. Pebs, thanks for the constant vote of confidence. And to Laura you have kept me going day in and day out. Thanks to the G.'s for the home away from home. To all the fellas in Pervert Corner I will recap some brief memories. Boozin with book money exams rat year; Derek on the gim for all of rat challenge; Ricky "I hate this place" Blaylock; Grimace enough said; two tap taco Tahitian fat kid; Mike I'm too vain to wear shorts/ Simon/Connecticut native; and to Dave, I'm selling my jeep if you ever want a real one. All of you have made this place bearable for the past four years and I sincerely thank you all for it. Good luck to the Class of 1995 in all you do.

Dykes 1992: Geoff Fuller
1998: John Graef

Brian C. Kellner

International Studies / Marine Corps

B.K., Cheese, Velvetta

Richmond, VA

Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; 2nd Batt Co 1; Rat Challenge 4, 3, 2; S-5 Tour Staff 4, 3, 2; Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Bulldog 2; Ring Figure Committe 2; Bald and 21 club 2; 90210 & Melrose club 3, 2, 1

The Virginia Military Institute, everyday at the "I" seemed like eternity, but the last four years have gone by quick. I've evolved from an immature kid who did not know a thing to a mature young adult who knows a little. Chris, thanks for all the good times! Kurt- we must go driving in Norfolk again! Beef- thanks for the long stories with no plot and tips on picking (pulling) tobacco! Room 102-thanks! Kayce- thanks for enriching my life even though you live on the wrong side of the river! Rick- now that we are huge, lets get a beer and look ourselves in the mirror! Chad- lets write a book of cheese quotes and watch 90210 & Melrose reruns. My other B.R.'s- I love you guys! Warren G.- you are now "Big Time" status. To Dan and Travis- get good grades, stay cool and enjoy life! Last, Mom, I love you and I thank you for all your sacrifices- I will always be in debted. Michael- thanks for being my brother and your vote of confidence in me; Jerry- thanks for keeping my mom sane and for your support over the years and in memory of my dad- I made it and thanks for watching over me all of my cadetship.

Dykes 1992: Dan Gaskell
1998: Dan Smith, Travis Kraft

Frederick J. Killmeyer IV

History / Army

Rick, Ricky, Meathead

Sewickley, PA

'ootball, 4 - 1; 4 Rat, 3 pvt, 2 plt. sgt.,1 2nd Bat. -3 liet. Ring Figure Com. 2; All Ate Up 4,3,2,1; RDC 1; Academic Probation 4; College Republicans 3,1; Just Plain Miserable 4,3,2,1

t was the best of times, it was the worst of times. 'he last four years have been a hell of a fight. 'od has blessed me with many gift's and the reatest is my parents. Mom and Dad, thank ou both for putting up with me and my noodswings,. Dad thanks for guiding me through ough times, if you know it or not, you are my est friend. Mom thank you for being there when needed you most. I only hope I can do half as vell with my bride as dad has done with you. 'he boyz of 314, 214, and 137, what a crew! eff some how we made it, thank you for being a ood friend. Brandon and Sae Han, I don't know ow we all became roommates and it has been eal interesting living with you, good luck..... I nxiously await what life has waiting for me in he future. Nate G. don't ever forget who you re, you are a true VMI man. I am the master of ny fate; I am the captain of my soul. Brother ats of the class of 1995, until we meet again... 'od bless you all.

Dykes 1992: Mike Perfetti
1998: Jim Peay, Greg O'Hare, Dave Burns

Andrew J. Kim

M. E. / Air Force

Ho-Jin, Mean Jin the Drinking Machine

Alexandria, VA

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; ASME 2, 1; VMI Fire-Fighter 3; Cadet Waiter 2, 1; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1 Vice President; Barrack Drinking Club 3, 2, 1; Club _70 3, 2, 1

My four years at VMI have certainly been an experience. It will be my best and worst experience in my life. I learned a lot about myself and what four years in VMI means to me. I thought I accomplished my goal, but I'm really gonna accomplish my real goal in the real world. Now I'm going back to the civilian world with tons of unforgettable memories, hell night, RDC, stoop run, sweat parties, rat training, break out, ring figure, Brother Rat spirit. I have a lot of people to thank who supported me. I would like to very very special to thank my Mom and Dad for endless support. I also like to thank my brother Sung Kyu and my sister Ji Young; Good luck in all your future endeavors. President Clinton, thanks for the amnesty. Hey Doo, thanks for putting up with me for four years, we had a lot of fun together remember? My dyke Seung Hwan and Jason, you guys only have 3 more years to go. So hang tough. I wish you guys best of luck. "You may be whatever you resolve to be"

Dykes 1992: Antuan Nugyen
1998: Seung Hwan J
Christopher Jason Reid

Yong W. Kim

Biology / Marine Corps

New Guy

Skokie, IL

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Chinatown 4, 3, 2, 1; Soccer; VolleyBall; A.P.O.; Rm 465, 365, 265, 165, xghjfkyu-hgassvgf lkijudj

It's been great four years, NOT! Thanks to my roomate and friends who made this xxxxxxx place little better: Frankie, Brandon, Dave G, Mij, Justin Myers, and my neighbors of Chinatown. If it wasn't you guys it would never have been the same. Also my ROK brothers, and our saturday night drinking club in ?? I could never forget. One other thing "Ring Figure" It was the best. Hey, BRC I'm stll pissed off at you for leaving us! To my dykes, goodluck to you guys, and study hard ! It can change your life believe me. I owe everything to my Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for being with me at all the time. There is so much to say I 'm not even gonna start, but one thing for sure WE ARE GETTING ???? OUT OF HERE!

Dykes 1992: Brady "Bunch" Gallagher
1998: Brett "Ghost Rat" Jones

John G. Koster

Electrical Engineering / Army

J-Boy, The "MAC"

Hackettstown, NJ

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4; Ranger Challenge 2, 1; IEEE; OGA; Col Williams penalty evader

Mom & Dad, without your love & support throughout the years I would not have made it to VMI, much less through it. Your guidance, love, & understanding has helped me immensely. Diane, this has been an experience for us both. Thanks for loving me enough to put up with it all from phone calls by the commandant to midterms, you never stopped believing in me. Nan, Pop, & the rest of the Koster Klan, you all helped me get through VMI in your own way. I thank & love you all. Dame, roommates for 4 years & friends for life. What more can be said, but thanks. Charlie, from our rivalries to achieving academic excellence we've been stride for stride. Next year I'm breaking ranks! Alex, I've given you all I know about VMI, guard it & use it well. Mike, Jack, Avi, Greg & Kelly; stay cool and out of trouble. To all not mentioned, good luck in whatever the future may hold. Jen, your love, devotion, understanding & commitment has given me the strength to get through VMI. I love you more than you'll ever know. For now, farewell to all.

Dykes 1992: Trent J. Warner
1998: Alex Kupratty

August A. Kraft IV

Econ - Bus. / Air Force

Kaycee, "K", K-Dog, Krafty, Cheese

Richmond, VA

Pvt 4, 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Honor Court 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group 1; Power Lifting Team 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 3, 2, 1; No. 1 Club 4; Slackin' Six 4; Highrollers 2,1;

The past four years have gone by like a blink of an eye, but damn if every day didn't seem like an eternity. It's truly been an interesting four years that I wouldn't trade for anything in the world, but you couldn't pay me to do it all over again. I came to this place not knowing a soul, now I leave having the best of friends. Rick, Chad, and B.K. you're the best of the best. Mom and Dad you footed the bills, gave me wheels, and served me home cooked meals-Thank you so much, I couldn't have done it without you. Cherokee row- thanks for the tailgates. The food and booze always buried the pain of that four year losing streak. Travis, you hang in there and maybe you'll stop that losing streak. Team 102 and parents, thanks for keeping us straight, full and entertained. Herman Smith-Johanson can pretty much sum up what I have learned at VMI-"the secret to a long life is to stay busy, get plenty of exercise and don't drink too much. Then again, don't drink too little."

Dykes 1992: Bill Sharp
1998: Adam Werner

Matthew R. Krempl

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Kremp, Kremp-Dog, Ram-Man

Buffalo Junction, VA

Private, 3;Sgt. 2; Lt. 1;Football 4;Rugby 1;Cadet Investment Group 1;Academically understood 4,3,2,1;VMI Summer enrichment 4,2;Survivor 4,3,2,1;Padre excursion 2

Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and inexcusable traitor, to yourself and to your country, let men label you as they may. -Mark Twain. If I had to summarize the VMI experience it would be simply "to each man his own". Many people had difficulty understanding why I made the decision to attend the "I", and there have been many times I have questioned that myself. As the end is finally insight I realize that my decision was right. The brotherhood of VMI has helped me survive the past four years and this special bond will be with us forever. To RM 411, the "Gang" (you know who you are), and especially my roommates (Monk, Dumb Boy, and Little Man) those times we shared will never be forgotten. I would especially like to thank my Mom, Dad, Jason, and everybody else in my family, without your love and support I would have never made it through this place. Finally, I wish everyone the best of luck as we begin the next challenge-----LIFE!!!!!

Dykes 1992: Harold Stills
1998: Jason Mitchell

Mark A. Lacy

History / Marine Corps

Mark, Viper

Waynesboro, VA

Cpl 3; Ops Sgt 2; XO 1; Honor Court 1; Karate Club 3; Hockey 2; Rat Training 3,2; Scuba 2; Firefighter 3

Well, the four years are almost up, and parole time is almost here. What can I say? It has been an experience. Not a joyful one, but an experience nonetheless. To Mom and Dad, thank you for everything. Without your love and support I could not have made it. I love you both very much. To my brother Matt, my best friend since birth, and Ben, the 3-man of the trio, I say thank you, I love you, and we will always be one in the same. To Fred, my buddy at the "I," and to all of the A Co. "hard-cores," don't forget the good times; the pain, the laughter, the rifles, the books, and finally the diplomas. I will always remember you fellas--thank you.

Dykes 1992: Eric Marechal
1998: Dereck "Dirt" Poore

Samuel G. Lawson III

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

P.T., GQ, Cock Diesel, G-Man

Powhatan, VA

VMI 4,2,1; VCU 3; J. Sarg. 3; Virgin Pvt 4,2,1; Civilian 3; BK 4,3,2,1, MBC 2; Longwood 1; Whipped 1; Baldwin Stripper 2;F-Trooper 4,3,2,1, Summer School Scholar 4,3,2.

Well, my time is about up here at the glorious Institute. I can actually say that these three years have been the best. I have made friends here that will seem to last for a lifetime. To my parents and family, I would like to thank you for the support that you have given me. Without this, I don't think this dream would have ever come true. I love you all! Fred, thanks for being a great roommate and friend. There is one bit of advice that I would like to share with you. Please shave your back! Ed/BK thanks for the laughs. You are truly the "KING." Chuck, thanks for the pitchers at the Palms, my grades thank you! To the Mary Baldwin gang (Alexis, Frankie, Quincy), Good Luck, you're going to need it! Thai, you are definitely a true F-Trooper, thanks for the memories. To the class of 1995, Best Wishes in everything you do. Long live the Institute!

Dykes 1992: Rich Howe
1998: Chris "Poopy Pants" Robinson

Doopyo Lee

C.E. Mathematics / Air Force

Lee

Alexandria, VA

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; ASCE 1; International Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadet Waiter 2, 1; VMI Fire Fighter 3; Barrack Drinking Club 3, 2, 1 Vice President

First of all I would like to thank my parents, my brother Kun Pyo, uncles, aunts and my cousins for the love, encouragement and help they have provided over the years. Jungy, thank you for being there when I needed you and your love. My past four years at VMI have been filled memorable experiences. There was straining, hell night, RDC meeting, stoop runs, sweat parties, rat training, break out, ring figure and finally graduation. I can't say that I am leaving VMI empty handed. Like many other cadets who graduated before me, I did not have a great time while I am here. But I am leaving VMI a better person than when I came four years ago. I am glad I came and I am glad I am finish. To my dyke Tim, roommate Ho Jin , brother rats, thank for everything. My rats Seong Jin and Kris, the best of luck in your trial at VMI and study hard. Thank again all may family and friends. You know you can always count on me for anything. I love you all.

Dykes 1992: Tim Spence
1998: Seong Jin Kim, Kristian Barnett

Sae Han Lee

C. E. / Army

"Corner Bully", Fred

Fairfax, VA

Wrestling 4, 3; Asian 4, 3, 2, 1; Fed Up 4, 3, 2, 1; Twinkie 4, 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner Bully 3, 2; Broom Stick 3, 2

I had a good time here(B.S.) and made a lot of redneck friends. I learned lots about white people. I can't wait till I get the heck out of here. Thanks to my parents, who supported me from home. Thanks to God for helping me get through school.

Dykes 1992: Chia-Jung Fan
1998: Bum Ho Kim

Jeffrey C. Lord

Bus. Econ. / Marine Corps

Jeff

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Corporal; Sergeant; Rat Training Cadre; Rugby 2; Boxing; Victim .5; Smith Hall Club1; Sorter of B.S. 4

To my roommates, thanks for putting up with a very gruff, but humble, attitude. I know that it was not easy. Rick you were an experience in Psychology and I shall never forget you. Sae I truly love you despite the fact that after four years I made absolutely 0 progress in teaching you how to speak my language. Brandon I never wanted you to move in and then you did, and we got along great, but then Rick hated you. Where were you first class year? From the smell of things you were right around the corner. Killmeyer thanks for the advice it actually worked! This place has made a Definite impact upon my soul, one that I shall take to the grave. Its certainly been one hell of a trip and there is no doubt in my mind that I took the road less traveled, and though I stumbled and fell flat on my face, I still crawled to the finish. To those I've failed to mention know that you are in my heart and I promise to write about you in my book. Ponce Stay strong and don't believe a word they say! Everyone's a liar!

Dykes 1992: Jim Clotfelter
1998: Ian Ponce-Perez, Eric Olsen

Jing-Long B. Lu

Computer Science / Army

Louie, Ben

Jhwa-lian Taiwan, R.O.C.

Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Cadre 3, 2; Cadet Waiter 2, 1; Pv 1; SLI 4, 2; Fire Fighter 3; Dean's list 4, 3, 2, 1 Arcade '52 3, 2, 1; Parade deck football 4, 3 IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; Pool Shark

Well, I think it's finally my turn to write this B.S I don't remember how many times I said "$!@#" this place. But I do remember how many time my BRs saved my butt. I still remembered when I was just here, speaking no English, and totally clueless. By the help from my roommates, BRs and everyone that ever gave me a hand, I survived I have to say that I learned a great deal of things from you guys. It is quite an experience to come to VMI, and it is the friendship that I will cherish forever. Matt, thanks for all the help since ra year; Ralph, don't practice my "teapot, teacups" philosophy too much, by the way, you are a hel of a guy; Ken, you are such a good fella that I wil always remember. Over all, I think the influence we put on Mike isn't too bad at all. Guys, hope you all have a wonderful future. If you need to contact me, this is my address: Ben Lu Hwa-lian Yu-Li, Ming-Kuo Rd, sect 2, No.13, Taiwan R.O.C.

Dykes 1992: Laird Knight
1998: Shawn Ting, Hank Yu

Shannon M. Lucas

Economics and Business / Army

UPS man, Little Man, UMPA, Shorty

Stow, OH

Wrestling:4,3,2,1; GC Historian:4,3,2,1; Pervert Barber:4,3,2,1; Nut Hut:4; Chew Crew:2,1

How can I sum up 4 years in 1 page? Eric, we have been through it all. You may never know how much your friendship means to me. David Fleck, You are the craziest guy I know. You were my sanity here at the "T". Paul, you are one of a kind. You have taught me things about women that Penthouse never could. Studs in Pervert, y'all are the best friends that a guy could have. Weasel and Buddy, I didn't forget you. Y'all have definitely got me in enough trouble and I thank y'all for it. Mom and Dad, y'all have made me who I am. I love y'all so much and can't thank you enough. I only hope that I can be as good a parent as you were. Coweey, you are the reason that I am graduating from VMI. I owe all that I have to you and I love you for it. Shelly, "Roll thundering herd Roll!" Dingbat, you have brought a spark into my life. I love you. UB, Weisenberger, Wytecki and Mazzie I hope that I have lived up to your image. To my rats in club 112, I challenge y'all to fill these shoes. To '95, I only wish the best for y'all. "Even at dust, a small umpa casts a big shadow".

Dykes 1991: James Cherry
1998: Mike Bauman, Greg Ellen

Dennis R. Lucente Jr.

History / Army

Grandma, Granny, Wop, Puta, Dago

Allison Park, PA

Rat 4; Rat w/Radio 3; Ops Sgt 2; 2nd Batt S-1 1; Honor Court 1; Cadre 2, 1; Rat Batt S-1 1; VMI Honor Guard 3; Ring Figure '95 Committee 2.

The end is here! First to my parents-the road hasn't been easy, I love you both very much and thank you for everything. You've helped me through this vast land of life and now it is time to try it on my own. I'll make you proud. Rup you're a great friend, BR and roommate and nor would I change a thing! Thanks for all the great times and words of wisdom. You were always there for me and that means the world to me. Keep Germany the way it was when you got there. To Heeb and Fruti, you guys are great and I can't have imagined life at VMI without the both of you. El, we were each others first contact at the "T" and we did pretty good. To other BR's thanks- you know who you are. Jana, I love you very much! Thanks for seeing me through some of the hardest times here and keeping me motivated. Our journey together is just beginning and I can't imagine it being with any one other than you. Rats of 193-You guys are great, keep working hard. To Pert Plus, if Rup loves ya so can I. As my dyke said in his history, "What is this real world I hear about?"

Dykes 1992: Neil Hennigan
1998: K. Lalor, K. Lloyd

Andrew K. Mack

English / Marine Corps

Mack Daddy

Byfield, MA

Lover of the Institute 4,3,2,1; bulldog platoon 2; palms groupie 2,1; heart breaker, always f-trooper 4,3,2,1

Thank-you to my parents, Bubba and the 142 crew. Franco, K. C, Tester and B.K., Tony T. Scottie Southall, "Freaky" Ray J, Weez and Buddy, Hagen and the Kremp Daddy, Jerky-boy Drew Warren, Lee Grimes and the wonderful staff at the Palms.
Serial killer, keep up the traditions.

Dyke 1992:
1998: Todd "Serial" Harris

Stuart C. Mallory

History / Army

"Stu"

Millwood, VA

Cpl 3, 2 Ops Sgt, 1st bat S-1, Ranger Company 3,2, Tanker Platoon, 1, Glee Club 4,3,2,1 Bomb 3, 2

I'm looking back on four years at VMI. I came from high school with no confidence, and no idea of who I was. The hammer hit the anvil and my baptism by fire began. I became a man in every sense of the word, finding confidence, friends and a positive atmosphere. I will always thank VMI for showing me strength. This was my future and my destiny. Being born in Lexington, If I die here I can only laugh because VMI will always be the place where I found my soul and purpose in life. I would like to thank my teachers especially Col. Leland for teaching me how to see the other side. Steve, I hope you're proud. YOU created a ranker, and a friend. You were the best dyke in barracks. Good luck to all the Rats of 101. Matt, Chip, and Arie, see you all in the army. Ed Consolvo, I have I no idea, I was never in Reno and the pictures don't exist. Dad, realize that the sun sets on a second VMI generation. I truly hope that sun rises again someday. My family, there is no way I could have made it without you. I will always believe that we may all be whatever we resolve to be.

Dykes 1992: Steve Arnold
1998: Dave Killian, Ash Salleh

Brett E. Matthews

History / Marine Corps

Brett

Richmond, VA

Pvt. 3 2, Lt 1, RDC 1. GC Tool 4 3 2 1 GC Slave 1, Semper Fi 4 3, Pre-Law society 4 3 Sec.-Treas. 2, College Repub. 4-2, Drug-Alcohol Com. 2, Drinking in Barracks 4- 1

I will never be able to say enough about VMI. The days were long yet it's been a quick four years in my life. I hoped the Rat line would end, then two years of ac. pro. I thank the Lord above for giving me the strength to carry on each and every day. I thank my parents who have struggled through VMI with me. Brandon, you always listened, thanks. Kipp, you are my brother. How can I thank you for being a great friend, you were always there, thanks for the support, sense of humor, road trips, beer, music, you have been a great roomate. I wish you well, God be with you. Randy you'll make the best cop, thanks for the advice and support, I wish you and Kelly the best. Curt and Wade, thanks for your friendship, I know you guys will succeed in life. Larry, we were rat roomates and friends, I've always understood you, good luck. Steve and Martin keep the faith, never give up. 94..128 I miss you guys. To those I haven't mentioned, thank you for a great and full cadetship. God Save the South!

Dykes 1992: Chris Smith
1995: Steve Haas, Martin Johnson

Johnathan A. Mayo

M. E. / Air Force

John

Richmond, VA

Tau Beta Pi; Gospel Choir; Promaji Club; NSBE; ASME; Varsity Football; "Cocke Hall Ball"

Thanks!! First of all, a VERY SPECIAL THANKS, to my mother for everything! To all my other family members, especially: Tanya Delaney, Don Delaney, Aunt Sandra, and my boys--Jovon, Justin, and JorDon. SHOUT-OUTS: to my roommates, Les-Bug and Johnny-x, all of my "brother" -brother rats, my boys in 253, all of my dykes, and the rest of my friends that I have failed to mention. You know who you are. Finally, last but definitely not least: A special shout-out to my girl across the water, MISS G! PEACE!!

Dykes 1992: Al Carter
1998: Jabbar Bean

Quincy Meade

C. E. / Air Force

Q-Man

Buena Vista, VA

Band 4-2; Cadre Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Lt 1; Rat Chall. 3; RF Honor Guard 3; VMI Firefighters 3,2; Liberator Staff 3; ASCE 2,1; Arnold Air Soc. 2,1; Cdt. Battery 1, Mardi Gras 4,3,2

I had never seriously considered going to VMI until a month before my high school graduation. I have no regrets about choosing VMI. Looking Back at these past 4 years I've had some of the best and worst times of my life. I've made some of the strongest friendships here at VMI including becoming a member of the Class of '95. VMI is a unique environment and it offers many challenges including tests of patience and commitment. There is no other place in our society where honor and trust is taken as seriously as it is among the keydets. Mom,Dad, and Lynn I owe you all so much for all your help and support. Rat Roomies- Tim, Ken, and James, I'm glad to see you go all the way. Mark you've been a great roommate, I wish you the best. Mary Baldwin Gang- Frank, Bouch, S.G., we had a lot of fun these past two years. Renee, thanks for putting up with me. Ed, Allen, and Tim stick it out and study hard and you'll do great.

Dykes 1992: Andy Krug
1998: Edward Allen, Matt McClung, Tim Riedel

Anthony A. Meador

Econ. Bus. / Army

Buddy

Galax, VA

HC A.P. 2, V-pres 1; Army 1,2,3,4; Ranger Co 2,3; CIG 1,2; S-5 tour staff 2,3; VMI Fire Fighters 1,2,3; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; 1st. Batt S-2 Lt; #1 Club; Conduct pro-no go club 3

What can be said? I have met the best friends I'll ever have. Most importantly are Weez and Kelsey. Kelsey, I never thought I'd miss your complaining. You're not here anymore but you will always be in my memories. Weez, this school threw us together and gave me the best friend I've ever had. You've taken this farm boy and shown him how to live a little. The three of us are a trio. Mom, thanks for all the help. Dad, your advice and help has been invaluable in keeping me here. Stanley, without your humor, and just being there, life would have been worse, thank you. Grandma, without your cookies, prayers and help, I would have not made it. Donnie, thanks for being my brother and all your help. Thank you Lord for bringing me here, through here and outta' here. Don't forget where you're from, who you are and who you want to be. Johnny, remember what I taught you. Dave, just try to smell decent and learn what we tried to teach you. Mom and Dad, this is for you, I've tried to make you proud. Weez, you'll always have someone there for you.

Dykes 1992: Chris Zaleski
1998: John D. Cocke

Hector B. Migliacci

Biology / Navy

Rock, Babcock, Mig-Man

Cornwall, CT

Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt1; Road Runners 3; Glee Club 4-1; Brass Ensemble 3,2,1; V.M.I. Quintet 3,2,1; Religious Activities Committee 1; Organist 3,2,1; Chap's Bible Study; OCF; BSU, Bugler 1.

Praise God, I've made it! Thanks Mom and Dad, Nomy, Mimi, and Rachie for all your love and encouragement. Nick, I'm not sure if you're still alive, but you've been a great younger brother. I love all of you more than you'll ever know; I've felt every one of your prayers. Thank you, Jesus, for your answers and guidance. It's such a glorious feeling to know that I trust in the Everlasting Father. V.M.I., with God's direction I chose you for an education. But you were more than a school: reaching into every aspect of my life; refining me, melting me, and molding me into a tool for my LORD. Brother Rats, we've done it! Being raised from Rats to Men was difficult, grueling, excruciating. But the end is quickly approaching and soon it will be our turn to give back that which we've received. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Phil. 4:8-9

Dykes 1992: Derrick E. Lapp
1998: Andy Rogers, Tommy Eberhardt

Barry E. Miller

History / Marine Corps

B

Matawan, NJ

Semper Fi Society 4, 3, 2, 1; English Society 2, 1; Color Guard 2; VMI firefighters 3, 2; Rat Training 3

As I'm sitting here in my room, on the first stoop, I can't help but think back on life as a cadet. My VMI experience has taught me about honor, courage, dedication, and friendship. From the first time I arrived at VMI I was asked to *STRAIN* and sacrifice. Quickly I learned to depend on my BR's for support and guidance. Soon the days turn into weeks, the weeks turn into months and the months turn into years. I remember all the good times that i have spent with my "boys" Chris, Joey, Tom, Todd and J.C. at Virginia Tech, JMU, D.C., and even here in Lexington. For these memories VMI will always have a spot in my heart. To my family I want to say that I could never have made it with out you. All your letters, care-packages, love and support has inspired me to do my best in both academics as well as life. To the dykes of room 173, remember to study hard and keep out of trouble. You may not have a lot here, but you will always have each other. Before you know it, it will be your turn. I want to wish the class of 1995 best wishes in the future.....Semper Fi!

Dykes 1992: Percy Covington
1998: Josh Brown, Juan Norris

Timothy D. Miller

C. E. / Air Force

Kenova, WV

Honor Court 1; Reg XO 1, Rat Batt Comm 1, Reg Color Sgt 2, Pvt 2, Mst Sgt 2, 3rd Cpl 3; Pres ASCE 1; Comm AAS 1; Academic Stars 1; Dean's List 6 of 7; Rat 1, 2, 3, 4

Looking back, I have learned more about myself and others in four years than I will for the rest of my life. Some good, some bad, my experiences and knowledge will stay with me forever. As far as my class history goes; I matriculated, made the best of it, and graduated. Enough said! To my roommates Rob Steele, Mike Rainwater, and Larry Burris; thanks for the good times. Your good guys and close friends; Good Luck! To my rats; your help made my life easier and I appreciate it. Remember, keep your head up and your chin in and it will all be over soon. To my family; thank you for your loving and selfless support. I hope I have made you proud. Finally to the girl I owe so much, Andi. You were always there to keep things in perspective and you supported me through it all. I love you and thank you. My closing words are to my class. Loyalty without integrity is absolutely corrupt and life without integrity is absolutely meaningless. I hope the choices you have made were good ones.

Dykes 1992: Frank Harrar
1998: Ben Shultz, Brad Vier

David G. Mitchell

C. E. / Air Force

Doggy, Lush, Wierdo, Diamond

Dinwidie, VA

Cpl 1; APO 3,2; Eagle Scout Assn. 3,2,1; Fi Fighters 3,2,1; ASCE 2,1; English Society 3,2,1; Lushed 2,1; All Pro 2; Done 4.5.

First thanks Dad for starting this and Brian f making it a requirement to be a Mitchell, a thanks Mom for putting up with me. I love y all. I've made freinds I will have forever. Jo Nasty, Swab, Wop, we started this trip togeth always remember Exit 222, talking all night, g up nasty, Flying Boots, Pitts, and Aboriginal Frea Drew, from roll over to get up, running fro invisible cops and hiding under 18 wheelers, has been an honor and a privelige to live with yo Joly, your'e right, I'm in the wrong major, but i problem. Swab, get out of my grill. Jamie, car your wop self. Gav, learn to love country mus and hate disco. Whitey, get a tan. To the guys Pervert, I may not have lived it, but I've experienc it. Ricky, your devoted VP is always up for anoth round and another... Nurn, get a jeep, Two Ta let's get some VG and run s--t. Russell, your love muscle and will never meet my friends. Stic grow up. Paul, Umpa, Eric, Dave, Grimmes, Tv Mikes, Secrist, Mike, Snaky, Ray, DS, Tur your'e all too much. I wish I could say I was out here, but, Concourse, Here I Come!

Dykes 1992: Rick Mathena
1998: Mike McCray, Bret Hamilton

Sidney H. Mitchener

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Vicious, #58, Homer

Marietta, Georgia

Varsity Football 4-1, Track 4-1, Monogram Club 4-1, Sid's & Tac's Fly Fishing Club 1, Virgin First Class Private, Crease Club

As you try to remember all the experiences you have had in the past four years, many good and bad times run through your head. Its inconceivable that you can express all these feelings in one small paragraph, but I guess I will give it shot. Life itself is one big experience, and if you sit back and wait for something to happen it will pass you right bye. If I have learned one lesson here at the fort, it is that without family and friends life is nothing but a boring trek leading nowhere. Dad, Mom, Will and the rest of my family thanks for all the support, I needed every little pick me up! The passing of time is the real test of friendship, but I know who will be there for me when I am in trouble, and my real friends know I will be there for them. Drew, Dave, and Greg thanks for showing me the errors of my ways, and letting me be myself. Dykes from 92, especially the Foeschman, taught me the system and how to make it through in one piece. "Nothing is ever as good as it seems. Nothing is ever as bad as it seems, but somewhere in the middle reality falls." -Gone Fish'in

Dykes 1992: Michael Foesh
1998: Langston White, Jordan Clark

Patrick B. Monahan

History / Air Force

Lizard King, Juan Bobo

Fort Washington, MD

Pvtivate--All Four Years Baby!!! VMI Eagle Scout Assoc.; Canterbury Club; Tanker Platoon; Ranger CO; Alpha Phi Omega; Big Red Club; Bomb Staff; AC PRO; Dean's List.

My cadetship at VMI has been a constant struggle between extreme high's and extreme low's. But, I will always cherish those precious moments of pure bliss that the Institute has provided me. The annihilation of the Spider, Breakout Hill, remembering a few things from Ring Figure, returning for my 1st Class year and the evening cocktail parties I have engaged in with my BR's, especially my roommates of 3 years. Roomies, thanks for putting up with all my s?!t. Thanks Mom, Dad, Melinda, Grandma, and Melanie. Mom and Dad, I know you will never forget Matriculation day--see you at graduation for more tears, though different they shall be. Grandma, thanks for all the $$$ and care packages--they were really life savers. Melinda, thanks for your support sis, your my #1 sister and wish you the best at W & M. Lastly, thank you Melanie, you are always there for me. Thanks for believing in me when I stopped believing in myself. I love you and I'm looking forward to our wedding.

Dykes 1992: John "Scud" Milstead
1998: Travers Clemons
Mike Henderson

Phillip A. Moore

Chemistry / Special Student

Grill Line King

Orange, VA

Virgin Private all the way; Rat daddy; tutor; American Chemical Society President

It's hard to believe that my first class year is here. It seems like yesterday that I was straining and thinking, "God, why hath thou forsaken me!" But I know that God has been with me all the way and I have learned many things that I couldn't have learned in any other way. Now I can look back and see that life is the "Rat Line," and God is my Rat daddy! I look foeward to graduation and I know that I will miss my B.R.'s, especially my roomates, but at least I won't be at V.M.I. To my dykes: Joe, Kris, and Andy--I know it's a tough road, but hang in there, because it's definately worth it. I wish you the best of luck, and my prayers are with you!

Dykes 1992: Dan Agostini
1998: Kris Dietrich, Joe Beckman
Andy Gehring

Bradley D. Moses

English / Army

Cretin, Yohannn the Norseman

Pittstown, NJ

CC 4,3. Indoor Track 4,3. Outdoor Track 4,3. Ranger Co. 2,1. Rngr. Chal. 1. Private 4,3,2. 3rd Batt S-3,1. Cretin 4-1, Norseman 4-1, Dead Dippers Society 4-1. English Society 2,1

If it ain't one thing it's another. It's times like this that I think of my mother. Oh, how she cried when I told her I'd be a farmer! Before I got here I thought I knew what I was in for. I was wrong! Throughout my cadetship I thought I knew what to expect. I was wrong! So to say the least VMI has tought me to "roll with the punches". However, a few factors have made my stay here somewhat memorable. To name a few: The shack, Corp trip (ie.Hagan's), West Point, D.C.,Whiskey sessions, stats from my roommate in jail, Spring Break94, and the Norsemen. The most important thing that I will take from VMI is the friendships I have made along the way. Thanks fellas! Dad and Mom. I've always said that life is made-up of a series of adventures. Thanks for getting me through this one. As for my dykes, play the game like Jay and I did and you won't have to bad a time. On a final note I'd just like to say one last thing to the guy who put up with me for three years: Hey Jay! Can we please stop the madness?

Dykes 1992: Jay King
1998: E. J Ianelli, Ben Cox

Christopher S. Myers

Computer Science / Air Force

Chris

Forest, VA

Cadet Staff 3, 2

What VMI means to me: The Palms

Dykes 1992: Woody Woodard
1998: T. J. Wojciechowski
Chuck Fullam

Kenneth L. Myers

I. S. / Special Student

Ghandi, Eiers

New Cumberland, PA

3rd Cpl 2nd Deutschland 1st Pvt, Hop and Floc 4,3 Cadet Assistant 3,1 Number 1 Club 3

The "VMI Experience" is fast coming to a clos and I can't say I won't miss it. Coming to VM has allowed me to learn that through adversit and hardship, you discover your true self. Bu first, to my family, who have helped and supporte me these past four years. Without your love an understanding, I wouldn't have made it throug here. Brad, we came here together but leave o separate roads. I know you'll find what you' looking for in life. Austin, it was an exciting fir class year. Best of luck in your future endeavor Todd, Middlebury and Deutschland are somethin we'll reminisce over in 25 years. Good luck in th Navy Thomas. Ralph, Nathan, Brett, Jessie, an John, you guys will do fine here. thanks. "And w love to wear a badge, a uniform, And we love t fly a flag. But I won't let others live in hell, As w divide against each other, And we fight among ourselves. Too set in our ways to try to rearrang Too right to be wrong, in this rebel song. Let th bells ring out, is there nothing left? Is honesty wh you want?" -U2

Dykes 1992: Lance Parnell
1998: Raplh Ohland

Scott J. Neville

History / Army

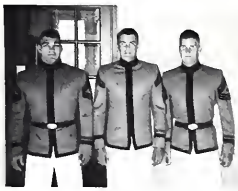
Scott

Woodbridge, VA

Golf 3,2,1. RDC 1. Golf team Co-Captain 1 Echo Cpl 3. Echo Master Sergeant,2. Alpha XO,1. Straight forward - ALWAYS.

The past four years have been as the saying goes,"the best of times and the worst of times." Mark, if it weren't for you, I probably would have been in a lot more trouble than I got in because of my temper. Thanks for being a great friend and you will always know where you can get in touch with me. Cam, you have been a great friend as well, good luck in everything you do, and I will be talking to you. We can go grab a couple of cold ones at Kelly's, the most screwed up bar in the country. Last, but not least, Pife, thanks for everything man, stay in touch and good luck in everything you do even if you are a stick fag. Tim and Jarrod, I have enjoyed every minute of it, so keep your heads up, it get better, god knows it can't get any worse. Mom, Dad, and yes, even Christina, what can I say. If it weren't for you, I don't know how I would have dealt with some of the problems that have arisen in the past three years. Finally, Br's of 1995. It's been real and it's been fun, but it ain't been real fun. GOOD LUCK.

Dykes 1992: John Driscoll
1998: Tim Hough Jarrod Fitzpatrick



Cameron M. O'neal

History / Army

"Cam"

Lenox, MA

Ops Sgt 2, VMI Theater 3,2,1, Ranger Company 2,1; Army Rotc 4,3,2,1; SMP 229th Chemical Company

It seems like a thousand years ago that I matriculated, and as I look back upon all the confinement, demerits, and PTs, I just have to laugh at this place. There are so many people that I would like to thank. The first is my family, without your help and understanding I could not have made it this far. Kurt thanks for brain washing me into coming here, I really mean that. Brad, I'll always remember the weekends and XIII, Scott, I know that I'll be seeing you around, thanks for everything. Chris and Noah, have another drink for me. Rats, remember to take it easy and if you get it easy take it twice. If I forgot anyone, sorry about that, its been fun. Well, at least interesting.

Dykes 1992: Pat Warner
1998: Andy "Fish" Trout
Jordan Dolan, Brian Bowes

Lee A. Oppenheim

History / Special Student

Opp, OP, P

Williamsburg, VA

Bravo Company, first class private, football 4,3,2,1, CIC Shotgun Club 2,1, Alpha Phi Omega 2,1,

Thank you mom and dad for an excellent education. Thank you Mr. Bob Layer (R.I.P.) for coming and seeing me, and for teaching me so much. At times I didn't think I would make it. But you were always there for me. As much as I have complained I really have enjoyed myself. Jano, John and Rich it has been fun. We had our days and sometimes I just don't know how we make it. One good deal after another. But we survived the "I". This was just one of the many steps we will face in life, and I believe that after the ratline and three years of hell the VMI man can accomplish anything he wants to. I wish everyone in the class of 1995 the best of luck in the years to come.

Dykes 1992: Steve Richardson
1998: Collin Ludmer, Curtis Russell,
Marcus Taylor

Jason F. Painter

M. E. / Special Students

Redneck

Cross Lanes, WV

Soccer 4; Cadet Trainers 3,2,1; ASME 4,3,2,1; Trident Society 4,3,2; Dungeon Club 4,3; The Hole 2,1

It's about time!! I've been ready to write this letter since the first morning run of rat summer school. Since then the years have been filled with all sorts of crazy stories and memories that will never be forgotten. Thanks first goes to my heavenly father that made this whole experience possible. Mom and Dad, I can't find the words to express how I feel except for that I love you both, and thanks. Courtney, thank you for all that you taught me about this place and the friendship that you gave me. To all you ME guys that put up with me through all those long nights of studying, playing wall-ball, and watching all those great movies that I picked out, THANKS, you'll are the reason this place was so bearable. To Billy Joe Jim Bob, hang in there it will be over before you know it and we'll be huntin' in them hills of West Virginia. Last of all I wanted to say thank you to Christy, you mean the world to me. Thanks for all the support, encouragement, and patients you gave me throughout the four years I've been here, I love you!

Dykes 1992: Courtney Lambert
1998: Billy Thomas

Leo V. Pambid

Physics / Army

Chess, Leonard, Pampers

South Boston, VA

Rifle team - 4,3,2, Society of Physics Students 3,2,1, Int'l. Club 4,3,2,1 sec.1, Newman Club 4-1, Ac pro club 3,2,1, Mallory up all night club 3,2,1, Pamstan Enterprises, inc. President

Almost free at last. This has definitely been the experience of my life. But I know that there will be many more to come, provided I stay alive long enough. The endless nights in Mallory Hall will soon be a memory. Then I'll finally be able to build all those neat little toys. Your support was never ending, Mom. I owe eternal gratitude to you, just bear with me a little longer. Dad, your money was not wasted; you can now go on a summer vacation. Al, CEO of Pamstan, our business will be alive one day. Keep that rational thinking of yours. To my endless list of roommates, it has been one hell of a roller coaster. Good luck to all my BRs. Always remember, physics is all around us, it governs the universe.

Dykes 1992: Lxex Robles
1995: Carl Hallen, Mark Williams

Michael A. Paruti

C. E. / Army

Cpt. Caveman, Fruity, Roe, 10" Bass

Vienna, VA

1ST Cpl 3, Sgt 2, Pvt 1; Band Co. Drummer 4-
Drum Line Cpt. 2,1; Rngr. Chal. 3; Rngr. C
2,1; Ring Figure Honor Guard 3; Weapo
Simulator (M-60, 50 cal, etc.); Midnight Honke

There are about a million people, places and thing
I need to thank for getting me through this pla
Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, The Carroll
Angel, Cricket, Pepper, Cinder: Your constant lo
and support was behind my successes. I love y
all very much. My future wife Loretta, You we
always there for me when I needed you and new
gave up on me. You are my best friend and I w
love you forever. (6/7/97) The Class of '95, Frien
for life: You all gave me so many memories th
will stay with . Rich, Todd, Q, Frankie, Sco
Ralph, Ken, Ryan, Lakei, Hop, Dennis, James
Chris - Thanks and good luck always. Elvi
367,267 and 167 was a lot of fun, especial
playing musical girlfriends! Good luck in the Arm
and whatever else. Joe, Jeff, Aaron, Kevin: Dor
sweat this place. Be cool and stay out of troubl
My Drum Line, Bad! 'Nuff said. My loyal c
Bonzai, you took me everywhere. I know y
will never quit pounding out the bass! "Wh
you see the southern cross for the first time, y
know now why you came this way." - CSN

Dykes 1992: Doug "Bass-Master" Olson
1998: Jeff Gillette, Aaron Sims, Joe Lowman

Jonathan D. Paxton

M. E. / Special Student

Pax, Pat, Swayze, JP

Jarretsville, MD

Timmins Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; ASME 1, 2, 3, 4; Dungeon Club 3, 4; Hole 1, 2; High Roller 1, 2; Soldier 1, 2;

Well, four years have flown by and I am finally ready to get out of hear. I can't say that it has been the best four years of my life, but it was four years I will never forget. I met a lot of great people here and I have had the opportunity to do some things I would otherwise not have had a chance to do. To my roommates; Good luck in the future. We some great times and I'll never forget the Rm. 225 Bar & Grill. To all the people I have studied with for the past four year I hope it was all worth it, and those late nights that we stayed up studying and watching movies pays off in the end. I would like to thank my parents for sticking with me through all the tough times that I have had at VMI. They never turned their backs on me and always supported me no matter what I did. I love you both and I want you to know I couldn't have done it with out you. Tyler good luck! I have finally made it. SEE YA!!

Dykes 1992: Tim Rodriguez
1998: Tyler Shelbert

Michael J. Paxton

I. S. / Special Student

Pax, Mike

Houston, TX

3-Cpl., 2-Master Sgt., 1-C Co. Cmdr., Rat Training-3, Powerlifting-2,1. Pervert Club 4,3,2,1.

My thanks to my family and friends for the support. I will be forever in your debt. Daisy, thanks for sticking it out with me. I have been preaching to people my entire 1st Class year, so a little more shouldn't hurt. To the Rats, one day soon, the Institute will be yours to run. I hope you will always represent us well. I am honored to have been involved with your class. To Pervert Corner, thanks for the memories.

Dykes 1992: K.P. Williams
1998: Trey Parker

William D. Percival

History - I. S. / Air Force

Wild Bill, Honey Bear

Fairfax, VA

Cpl 3; Batt SgtM 2; Batt XO 4; VMIT 4, 3, 1; Vice Pres VMI Aviators 1; Rat Challenge Cadre 3, 2; AAS 2, 1; CAP 1

VMI was the last place I ever though I would be. But never the less, I came. And what an experience it has been. Through the ratline, third class and second class years, I'm finally seeing the twilight of my first. I could never have done this alone. Mom and Dad, especially, without both your support and love I would never have been able to do the things I've done. And I owe a special thanks to you Dad, you definately made my first class year a memorable one. How this place ever withstood two Percivals is beyond me. Andy without you, Erin and the Kids, things here would have been a lot worse. This goes too for Grandma and Grandpa, you both gave me the childhood memories that carried those long days. I love you all! Susan, you always did say I would be institutionalized one day. You have always been their for me, and for that I am forever grateful, love ya kiddo. Well, although I could go on for an eternity I will say adieu. To the countless others out there that have made this odessy, thank you with hopes that we will all meet again. Now off into the "Wild Blue"!

Dykes 1992: Chip Dunn
1998: Stefan Barr, Hamel Reinmiller

Jason D. Pifer

Biology / Airforce

Pife, Jake, Stick Fag

Fairport, NY

Lax 4, 3, 2, 1 Captain 2, 1; 1st Btn S-6; RDC 1 STRAIN!!; Tired 4, 3, 2, 1; Worried 4, 3, 2, 1; Chicks 4, 3, 2,...; KLN 2, 1; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1; 66 Bel-Aire 1 (Was cool while it lasted)

"This too shall pass". The one phrase that kept me sane throughout. Well after three major changes and four years of B.S. this did pass, and I actually cannot believe it, I've made it through. Transferring from Navy Prep was probably my best move yet, as crazy as it sounds. Four years of Lax, what an experience. Hopefully all ends great!?, it's my last chance, thanks Freshness. Rocky & Jeff: it's been real, and it's been fun, but it hasn't been real fun. Thank god for my computer, what else would you have done with all of those hours playing games?, study not! Good Luck both. Remember always call in the Air Strike on your bridges, they are not worth saving. Scott and Mark, good luck to the both of you. I hope to stay in touch, not literally with you Mark.(ha). "Fail to prepare, Prepare to fail", I wonder which one of these we have spent more time doing? To all Brother Rats, what a great job we've all done. Almost too great?! Thanks for everything MOM & DAD and little sis, wasn't possible without you!

Dykes 1992: Shannon Terhune
1998: Joe Seiler

Richard H. Pitchford

History / Marine Corps

Rich

Norfolk, VA

Cadre 3-1; Track 4, 3, 2 Captain 1; Semper Fi Society 4-1; English Society 4-1; RDC 1; 2nd Btn S-6; Busted 3, 2, 1?; DDS/ Palms: Founding and lifetime member

I had reached my decision, I would attend Auburn University in the Fall. In August I arrived in Lexington. "Lexington?" What had gone wrong. What went wrong turned out to be the best thing that has ever happened to me. I can not begin to explain the events that altered the decision I had made three months earlier in the desert area which surrounds Kuwait city. It is equally impossible for me to describe my four years and three summer sessions here at the "I". I will say that Brother Rats are better than anything that Auburn may have had to offer. I would like to thank my parents for pointing me in the right direction and supporting me along the way. Mom and Dad, you are the best and I am the youngest of 10 to understand this. Dad, you were never imposing, I could not have managed without a bat Colonel. Finally I can not thank my roommates enough. Ed, Sean, Drew, and Chris, my liver is angry but my heart says thanks.

Dykes 1992: Trent Dudley
1998: Brandon Bissell,
Eric Eismon

Pradermchai Ponlawan

C.E. / Air Force

Pon, P, P-man, Lum, Nuy

Bureerum, Thailand

Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Deans list 4, 3, 2, 1; Academi Distinguished 3, 2, 1; ASCE; Tao Beta Phi Cataloger

"Death is certain, life is not." Why don't w start doing something beneficial to our world an our next generation? Get real, Genius.!

Dykes 1992: Robin Pittanillo
1998: Nuthapom Nuttayasakul,
Sunyarak Prasert

Kevin D. Price

C.E. / Army

Oxford, PA

Cpl 3; Msgt 2; B CO 1; Wrestling 4; Rat Challenge 3, 2; Semper Fi Society 3, 2; Bulldog Plt 2; Concrete Canoe 2; Ranger Challenge 1

It has been a long road to my first class year. My cadetship started out with a warm-up at pre-strain summer school. Matriculation. Cadre week. The rat line. It is all a blur, but the good times still shine through; the cruise on Corps trip is one of those times Drew. Also, the times in room 493 are memorable Snake - where the hell is Schultz anyway. Third class year. Summer school. Second class year - Ring Figure - bulldog. Summer school. I really have put in my time at the "I" Colonel Jamison. Well, it has finally arrived - our first class year. We are at the top of that "hill of science". Remember, those of us who finished are the true survivors. I would like to say good-bye to my true friends - you know who you are and so do I. May the road ahead of you be smoothly paved. Mom and Dad, I could not have done this without you, thank you. Jim and Janice, thank you for all of your contributions. I could not have done this without you either.

Dykes 1992: Andy Krug
1998: Will Stann, Jesse Holmes

Ralph J. Ragosta III

E.E. / Army

Dumfries, VA

VMI Fire Fighters 3, 2; Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Pep Band 4, 3, 2, 1; IEEE 1; Ranger Co 4, 3, 2, 1; AUSA 4, 3, 2, 1; OGA 1; Arcade '52 3, 2, 1; Liberator 4, 3, ?, ?; IHTFP 4, 3, 2, 1

Now that I look back over my four "fun-filled" years at the "I," I wonder what the hell made me come here. It definitely wasn't for the women and it certainly was not for a good education; what other reasons are there for choosing a college. If nothing else I will walk away with some good friends, I suppose that's got to count for something. Continual bouts with BOHICA tend to make people draw closer together especially with room mates. If it weren't for the people in the room and a few on the stoop, I would have had absolutely zero reason for returning to this hole again and again. I am not sure whether to thank you guys or kick your butts. Thanks to the Parents, Lauri, and especially the ROOM/Restaurant/Arcade/ Computer Center/Pharmacy/.....Well as the year draws to a close, so must this. I just like to depart with this - VMI, What a Bargain!

Dykes 1993: Sean P. Wilson
1998: Ryan K. Betton, Mike I. Smith

Edward Randall, IV

English / Special Student

Fred, Randy, Ed

Houston, TX

Class President; EC / GC 4, 3, 2, 1; Ring Figure Committee 2; Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Rugby 4; Dean's List 3; English Society 4, 3, 2, 1; CEO Palm's 4, 3, 2, 1

The day before the Class of 1995 matriculated, I questioned my judgement in making such a rash decision. After four long, hard years at VMI no words can express my sentiments. To begin, I want to thank every Brother Rat in the Class of 1995. Without your devoted, loyal and unending support, there is no way we could have become the 1995 we all love so dearly. In particular, I wish to thank my roommates. Chris, Drew, Rich and Sean--may the bonds only strengthen between us, if that is even possible. I also wish to thank my Rat roommates--John, Arie and Pat where ever you are. Above all, I wish to thank, from the bottom of my heart, my father, mother, Ellen and the rest of my family. Without your unparalleled support, this dream would never have come true. After all the Hell we raised, all the raw deals we got, all the pain and misery we endured, one can only come to one illogical conclusion, this place ain't so bad after all...As a matter of fact, with a little time away we might even miss ole VMI...I'll let you know in twenty years.

Dykes 1992: Bob Mason
1998: Justin Molloy, Jarret Mooney

Michael C. Rainwater

History / Marine Corps

RainH2O, Rainman

Ellicott City, MD

Private 4,2,1; Lax. 4,2,1. Semper Fi 4,2, President 1. U of Parris Island, 3. Border line bad kid 4,3,2,1. Liason (Women's Colleges) 2,1.

"A stout heart breaks bad luck."

- Spanish Proverb

Thanks to all who have been by my side through thick and thin, who have picked me up when I have fallen. Thank you for looking past my antics and having faith in me. To Mom, I Love You.

Dykes 1992: James Myers
1998: Jason Duffy, John Moder

Kevin M. Reardon

C. E. / Air Force

King, Feardon, Weirdon, Thanks Boris

Cincinnati, OH

Football, 4-1; Pvt. 4,3; CIC Sgt.-2; C. Comp. Lt.-1; OCF-4,3,2; Promaji Club-1; Oyster Bowl Naked Dive Team-2; Honorary JMU Commuter-2; Trap-1

It has finally come, graduation. Mom & Dad, I appreciate everything you've done for me. No parents could back their child as much as you have over these past four years. Seven hours is a long way to travel to watch me play football. I love you both. Jennifer, Matthew, and Ryan thank you for all of the little things you've done for me, it really means a lot. I could not have been blessed with a better family than all of you. Gina, I want to thank you for all of the support you gave me through the Rat Line. I know you sacrificed a lot of your time for me and I will always be grateful. John, Keith, what can I say we have accumulated some great stories these past few years and made VMI as GOOD an experience as you can make it. I hope both of your futures are filled with success and happiness. Keith, you must remember to stay under 120 and John never go back for another haircut. There is not enough room to say something to everyone that has had an affect on me, but we have all had our moments.

Dykes 1992: Mike Perfetti
1998: John Gonzales

Mathew K. Reiner

Econ. Bus. / Army

Sloth Body, Mr. Molasses

Clifton, VA

Corporal 3; Color Sgt. 2; S-2 Lt. 1; Ranger Co 3, 2; Cadet Investment Group 2, 1; Pre-Law Society 2; Dean's List 3; College Republicans 1 Tanker Platoon 1.

My cadetship has flown by faster than I eve thought possible. For some strange reason, I have enjoyed going to a place that is far different from anywhere else in the country. Maybe it's just the great stories that we tell and the fact that everybody else out there seems boring. I wish to thank and comment on many people who have helped me stick it out all four years. To Mom and Dad: love you for all the support you've given me, VMI thanks you for all the souvenirs you purchased and all my roommates thank you for the bags o food sent. Ed, you have been a wonderful friend I don't think there's a a more likable person in barracks. Stu, rooming with you has been nothing short of entertaining. LtC. Sexton, you have been a great help to me whenever I needed it and are a dedicated professor who is only out to better his pupils. Melissa, all I can say is I wish I had me you sooner. Chip and Arie, great room guys. Tom drive safe. S.G, I think we told more jokes studying than anything else. I also wish our Rats the bes of luck in their cadetships. It's been grea journeying the road less traveled.

Dyke 1992: David Bradley
1998: Jason Bryant, Jason Doucette

Charles W. Rex, IV

Biology / Army

Oedipus, T-Rex, Cliff

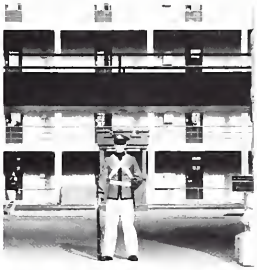
Orlando, FL

ol.3; Pvt.1; Cadet Staff 3; Tanker Plt.3; Rngr. o.2; Canterbury Club 4,3; IHTFP 4-1; Big Red lub 3-1; SBC Weekender 3-1; Work-Sleep 1; oxfield 3,2,1; Rt.60 racer 3-1; Bartender 3,2,1.

guess I knew that I was to go to VMI from the e of about 5. I remember all the many times of iving to Lexington, and learning about VMI om my Dad. I remember my first day in the ht-line. People always ask what VMI is like, tt in a way, you can never understand what MI is until you've been here. You have to feel, ste, and touch, to understand this place. It's a rible place to be at, but a great place to be om. Rat year, it seemed like I'd never finish, ow I am weary of leaving. I've had the best d the worse of times here. The best, there is t enough room to begin. Mom, Dad, thank u for everything. I assure you that I'll make u'll proud. Imogen, you mean the world to e, even though the sparks flew. I love you TTATWIATBIATW). Arie, Damien, Jimmy, ike, Ed, Matt and Stu, thank for putting up th it all. You guys made sure that I was either tting in trouble or having fun. Kevin, Errett, ean the room, roll my hay and get your CHINS !!! Thanks for everything and good luck. VMI, I miss you, NOT!!!

ykes 1992: Doug Vincent
1998: Kevin Thomas, Errett Buis

Erik B. Reynolds



M. E. / Air Force

Erik

Akron, OH

Football 3, 2, 1; Track 4, 2; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Dyke Committee 1

Fst and fore-most, thanks to the Lord above & my Mother-u've been so understanding & supportive, where would I be w/o your guidance. thanks to pops, you've also always been there & you should know how our relationship goes - the best. aunts and uncles-thanks for all the support & confidence you've invested in me. Ha-Ha Granny, you are the inspiration in my life & all I can say is stay w/ me & I love you! My brothers, all six of you- whas up fella's, all the fights, etc. has helped me become who I am,thanks, love, & the credit is yours. To my homies..Shawn Foster RIP, cuz B.F. cuz Jibreel, D. Wall, Dre, Lil' J.C., T. Smooth, T. Scales, cuz D. & H. Smith, 95 - 98...I ain't thru yet. but uhm... watch out now give me a year. Dykes D. Pinero, D. J., K. J., Talley... Fellas buckle up& down...do y'alls thang! Run the show & and remember the creeps.

with the greatest love of all,
E. Reyn

Dykes 1992: Derrick Johnson
1998: Damon Pinero, Kevin Johnson

Arie C. Richards

C. E. / Army

Redneck, ArieC

Sweet Briar, VA

Pvt 3,2; Sgt 2; 1Lt S-5 1; Con Pro 4, 3; Rugby 4, 3; Tanker Plt 3; Rngr Chall 2, 1; The Cadet 4, 3, 2; Plug & Chug 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2; Bad Grades 4, 3, 2, 1; Concrete Lab 2, 1

It's been a long four years which have gone by in a blur. Rugby followed by Ranger Challenge, it has been a very intense time at the Institute, conduct probation followed by Stephanie followed by more confinement. Oh well, just a couple hundred PT's. I could never seem to avoid demerits. Thanks is owed to Col. Williams for keeping me off confinement as much as possible. To all the SBC girls, I wish it could have worked out, it was a great decade of fun. Jimmy and Damien, it was a fun two years, I learned a great deal about myself and the other side of life. To Matt and Stu (who would have ever guessed?), you guys are great and it was an honor to room with you all. Jr., good luck next year, I am sure you will continue the excellence of 95! I head into the wild green yonder, the Airborne Infantry leads the way. Much thanks is owed to my family, Mom & Dad, John & David, the old gang, & to Mr. Gilchrist. Without a doubt I owe the most to : My dyke and my roommate. "Chip" Rex has stayed with me through thick and thin, forever like a brother to me. 95! 95! 95!

Dykes 1992: Marc Orgain
1998: Charlie Mummert

Brian K. Richie

M. E. / Army

Ranger

Raphine, VA

Ranger Challenge 3; ASME 2, 1; AUSA 1

Well four years of hell are over. Thanks to all the Soldiers for making it fun. There are a lot of good things to remember along with a lot of bad things. But they all make it worth while. I'll always remember the great friends I met here and hope that I am remembered. To my rat hang in there it's not as long as it seem and it will be worth it.

Dykes 1992: Lee Macgregor
1998: Caleb Taylor

Justin N. Rubino

Math / Navy

Beano, Trabino, Flavor Ice

North Haven, CT

Deans List 4, 3, 2, 1; Ac Stars 4, 2; Trident Society 4, 3, 2, 1; Hop & Floor 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 2, 1; S-2 Staff 2, 1; Math Tutor 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 2, 1

I'm often asked if I had the chance to go back and choose a college if I would decide on VMI...Absolutely!! Don't get me wrong, my feelings about VMI are the same as any other cadet, but I think (hope) that the experience will pay off in the future. One thing I am sure of is that the people I've known here are among the finest I will ever know. Trey, Sam, Tim and Crazy, thanks for all the great times. Twenty years from now we will look back at these times and all the close calls we've had and have a good laugh. Les and Eric, don't let this place get to you, work hard and it will be over before you know it. The best advice I could give is have fun and enjoy this place as much as you can. Most of all I would like to thank my family. Mom, Dad, Kim and Vanessa, thank you for always being there. You have taught me more than I could ever learn at VMI.

Dykes 1992: Kent Gring
1998: Eric Smith, Les Thornbury

Todd D. Rupright

C. E. / Air Force

Rup, Rupper, Turtle, Lush

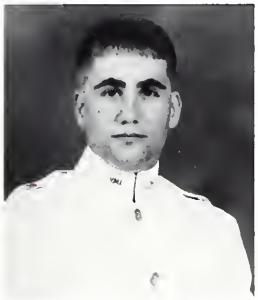
Apalachin, NY

Sink Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Rat Challenge 3, 1
Ac Pro 3, 2; Con Pro 2, 1; ASCE 2, 1; Concrete
Canoe 2, 1; F-Trooper 4, 3, 2, 1; Dyke Comm

Well, the end is here - almost! First, I'd like t
thank my family for all the patience and suppo
they've given during the past four years. I know i
hasn't been easy. To Dennis - the WOP - it's bee
great. From the "HUA" room to the "nut shack"
I wouldn't change a thing. Hey, you still owe m
one! I never could've asked for a better roommat
and friend. Have fun in the ARMY, you grun
To all F-Troopers, drive on and keep up th
tradition. F-Troop is and always will be the bes
company on the hill. Here's to China Town, th
best corner in Barracks. Life would've been borin
without you. To everybody who has been ther
for me these past four years - Min, Amy, and, las
but not least, Tamara - thanks. I would've gon
crazy without you. Hey Tam, how's your Enviro
(I Love You) To my rats, Cesar "Bull" and Do
"Post Master General" keep plugging away. Th
end will come - eventually. Hey, give me 20! Lastl
to Geddy, Alex, and Neil, keep on Rockin'! "Wh
are we here? Because we're here. Roll the Bone
Why does it happen? Because it happens. Ro
the Bones -Neil Peart

Dykes 1992: Jimmy Myers
1998: Cesar Perez, Don Rauch

Matthew W. Russell



Econ. Bus / Army

Russ, Helmet, Love Muscle

Duxbury, MA

Cpl 3, 1st Sgt. 2, D Co. CO. 1,Rat Training 4,3,1. CIG 2, Pres 1,Deans list 3,2,1. VMI Ice Hockey 2,Club 410 4,3,2,1High Roller 2. Low Roller 4,3, Bad with Women ...4,3,2,1...

I'll most likely catch hell for saying this, but I know when I leave here in a short time I will miss it. More than this place though, I will miss the people that I met here. In such a short four years I have forged more close friendships than I had ever thought possible. I think that these people understand me better than I ever have myself. More than that though they have put up with me and accepted me for who I am. For that I will never forget them. Most of all I will miss the corner and all those who live and associate with it. I'm not even going to name you all because it would be pointless for all of us. Tony getting the beach ball, Southall striking out, Shannon and Fegley with their weak little bodies, Grimes getting the flu, Brian annoying me, Hersh throwing up his hands in disgust, Derek being a red-neck, Mike being our Dad, Nurney's bathroom, and Rick being my best friend. Thank you all for being my B.R.'s. Mom, Dad, Caite, and Greg thanks for hanging in there with me. I love you all. Greg keep your chin up, I'm proud of you. "Are we there yet?".

Dykes 1992: Dan Mazzie
1998: Paul Balassa, Brian Kurtz

Jeffrey L. Ryan

I. S.- Mod. Lang. / Air Force

Spaz Rat, Jackleg, JR

Mechanicsville, VA

Distinguished Graduate from Air Force Field Training; Pi Delta Phi; National French Honor Society; Arnold Air Society; Cadre Corporal 3; First Sargent 2; Third Battalion XO 1

"COWBOYS DON'T CRY
AND HEROES DON'T DIE
GOOD ALWAYS WINS
AGAIN AND AGAIN
AND LOVE IS A SWEET DREAM
THAT ALWAYS COMES TRUE
OH IF LIFE WERE LIKE THE MOVIES
I'D NEVER BE BLUE"
-Alan Jackson
"IF I COULD DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN.....I WOULDN'T"
-Jeffrey Lee Ryan

Dykes 1992: Stephen Morris
1998: Aaron Frazier, Jason Fye

Bryan J. Rychlik

C. E. / Air Force

Shleek, Droop, Rych

Stow, Ohio

Football - 4,3,2,1Monogram Club - 3,2,1Unauthorized car -3

Well, I never thought I'd make it, but here I am. I had NO IDEA what I was getting into when I chose this blessed place. First, I'd like to thank the Lord for giving me a big body which helped me get here. Mom and Dad, words can not describe the gratitude I feel for you. Thanks, I love you both dearly. To my bro, thanks, you probably have no clue how much you kept me going. Now to my fella's. Thanks for all the memories. I'll never forget you guys. Tack, hope you finally catch that big one. Goody, hope someday you return from that world of your own. Moose, keep on spazing. Shady, be CAREFUL! Ed, I don't know how we made it out of our rat room but we did it! Thanks to everyone else, I love you all.

Dykes 1992: Andy Andrews
1998: Mike Violet

Witchit Saiklo

E E. / Special Student

Chit

Phattalung, Thailand

Dean's list 3, 2, 1; Cadet Investment Group(CIG) 2, 1; Vice President; IEEE 3, 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, 1; The Cadet News Paper Photographer 3, 2; Road Runner 2; Tanker platoon 3

Four long years at the "I" and I have had both good times and bad times. I obtained an invaluable and unforgettable experience here. I would like to thank you the Thai government that gives me an opportunity to study at VMI. Thanks to all VMI staff members for your generosity. Thanks BR's for helping me out through the Rat line. Thanks Pee Toey(my dyke), I may not come to this point without you. For my roommate(Lum), you are the most practical person. I wish you do well at the graduate school. For my lovely girlfriend, I love you more than anything else. For two years that we are together seems to be a dream. But not, it is a real!!!. I miss you so much. Most of all, I would like to tell my parents that I love you more than I can say. I promise to do everything to please you and to repay you for your support and patience.

Dyke 1992: Paniwat Subrungruang
1998: Surat Terapathana
Wasan Patwichaichote

Brandon L. Savochka

English / Air Force

Brandon

East Millsboro, PA

Football 4,3,2,1,; Track 4,3,2,1;

Well here I am. It seems as if it was only days since we broke out. Well what can I say? This place has sucked at times, but there are memories that I will never want to forget and hopefully never will. The times that I had with all of my teammates on the football field was great even though we all bitched about the hardwork, although our record did not show it we are all still winners. Col. Bozeman you are a great coach as well as a great man, thanks for the help. Mom and dad, I don't know where to begin, so I'll just thank you for being the best parents anyone could have. Rick, Jeff, and Sae you guys made these last three years bearable and have all been great friends. Lori, if it was not for you I know that I would have never been able to make it through these four years. You were always there to hear my complaints and always found a way to make it seem a little better. Tico and Tim hang in there, before you know it you will be sitting here wondering how this time went so fast, so enjoy.

Dykes 1992: Doug Robinson
1998: Tico Angelichio, Tim Butler

Joseph A. Schenk

History / Air Force

Joe, Joey, Schnack, Nipper

Norfolk, VA

Baseball 4,3,2,1;Monogram Club 4,3,2,1;Big Red Club 4,3,2,1;Monogram Club President 1;Road Trip Club 2,1;90210 3,2,1; Melrose Place 3,2,1

It seems just like yesterday that I was going through the matriculation line. Now here I am getting ready to graduate. The hardships were plentiful and the fun times were few. But it's the fun times that I will remember the most. If I had the chance to do it again, I don't think I would take it. However, I will never regret coming here. I would like to say thanks to my dad for supporting me all four years that I chose to come here. I know you don't like the way the VMI system works, but I know you're proud that I decided to come back every year. To my mom, I love you very much and know you are proud, too. And for the love of my life- Michelle, I really want to say that I love you very much and am looking forward to our future together. To my boys, Chris, Barry, Tom, and Todd, I will miss all of you guys and hope ours paths cross again some day. I will never forget the times that we spent together at JMU, Tech, and The Palms. Dykes of 173, keep your heads up always and stay focused on academics and the rewards will come later.

Dyke 1992: Allen Stone
1998: Neil Salmen

Eric A. Schwartz

Computer Science / Army

Shrug, The Duke, Shrew

Mason, Michigan

Virgin Private 4 3 2 1 IHTFP 4 3 2 1 Ranger Company 4 3 2 Ranger Company CO 1 Midwest Advancement Society 2 1

I guess this is the time that I'm supposed stop and reflect about the years I've spent here, think of some sort of sentimental or nostalgic thing to say, but, well, I'm graduating and can't wait to leave this place. I do have to admit that VMI has benefited me. I definitely wouldn't be the same person I am if I had gone to a REAL school. Rat year made me who I am. Third class year, well, I know what I ate. Second class year gave me a Ring and an appreciation of unauthorized activities. First class year was an evil game of waiting, softened by having to raise rats. I hope I did as good of a job as my Dyke did. To Rick (PT)--Always put off tomorrow what you could do today. To Chris (Fuji)--Your three stripes will never be four, besides a bar beats both. Thanks Mom and Dad (and the Army) for paying my way. And thanks to my parents for all their love and support.

Dykes 1992: Lowell Thomas Miller II
1998: Lucas Braxton
Brad "Spaz Rat" Cook

Derek A. Secrist

M. E. / Army

D, Suckrist, Redneck

Grottoes, VA

Rat 4, Pvt 3, Plt Sgt 2, Lt. 1; Firefighters 3,2,1; College Republicans 2,1; Rat Challenge Lt. 1; ASME 1; 'Club' Member 4,3,2,1

I don't know where to start. I guess most importantly thanks to my family. You sacrificed for me more than I can count and always accepted less than you expected. To all the friends I've made here over the years, it has been great. Rick and Grimace, you guys were the best roommates I could have had. Thanks for all the good times. May the 'Clubhouse' live forever. I will never forget the members and even you Russ. Then comes Pervert Corner. There are two many to name so I won't try. Team 102 you are a pervert annex so you are included. I wish you all the best and I love you all. This is not the end because you better come visit me while I'm still in prison next year. Finally to Heather, Thank you for everything you have done for me over the last four years and I Love You. I leave you all with something to remember as we go our ways, "If it ain't grain, it's a chaser!"

Dykes 1992: Scott Price
1998: Ryan 'Bristol' Hughes

Shuenn D. Shieh

M. E. / Air Force

Sewie, Sunnshieh

Taipei, Taiwan ROC

Taiwan Air Force, Private 4,3,2,1; Cadet Waiter 2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1; ASME 1; EE 4; ME 3,2,1; Long Hair 3,2,1.

After all of us in Bravo company met Shieh on the first day of the Ratline we looked at each other and asked, "What did he say?" However, Shieh's English improved every day of the Ratline, and pretty soon he could talk schmack with the best of them. Shieh amazed us all by going through the Ratline without ever complaining and without ever standing out in the crowd. Since the Ratline he's spent every furlough either in California or in Hawaii, and for this we are all very envious (it must be nice!). His former roommates, friends, and Brother Rats will miss his accent, his funny walk, and his smile. After four years of hard work, it has all paid off with a big diploma and an even bigger ring, and I know that Shieh and we, his BR's, will all be better for the experience. Take care of yourself, Shieh and make sure you fly your jet fighter back to the states every once in a while for a fly-by!

Dykes 1992: Matthew Owins
1998: Wann Chen

Nithya Sieu

E. E. / Air Force

A boy named Sue, Old Man

Silver Spring, MD

Rat 4; Corporal 3; Sergeant 2; Private 1; Martial Arts 4,3; Boxing 2,1; IEEE 2,1; International Club 4,3,2,1

Whatever it's worth I'm glad that I've made it through VMI; for one thing, this place gave me the most intensive depressions that I'd ever experienced in my life. In all fairness, I believed that I've learned a great deal of things from VMI. Of all the complaining and whining that I've heard about VMI, mv BR's, and many of the alumni that have gone before us would say it proudly that their Alma Mater is VMI. As I have said, the road through VMI wasn't easy, I probably wouldn't have made it without the constant moral support from my parents and the rest of my family. Their support and belief in my abilities made me feel that I can conquer any thing, even VMI. In just a few short months I will leave VMI. With me I will take my pride, great sense of accomplishment, and of course my degree. Leaving behind are my legacies,....Robert and Charlie, I have confidence that both of you that you will make it through VMI, so make your families and me proud by finishing what you have started. Good bye VMI. I will see you again as an alumnus.

Dykes 1991: Nguyen Cuong, Steve Costello
1998: Charlie Schrafly, Robert Bopp

Darren S. Southall

History I.S. / Special Student

DS, Junior, Low Roller

Boones Mill, VA

4 #1 Club,4,3 Wrestling,3,2 Cadet Waiter,2,1 Power Lifting Team,1 CPB Pres.

I arrived at VMI on 13 Aug 91. It was only the third time I had laid eyes on the Institute. Since then I have been on and off confinement, blacklisted at every all-girls school, and had no idea what to do with my life. Well, now I am a first classmen and things our finally falling into place. I am still on confinement occasionally, still blacklisted, and still have no idea what to do with my life, but it's almost over. Therefore, I am confident that my purpose for attending VMI will finally be understood. I would like to thank my parents for forcing me to come here instead of Tech. I would also like to thank my BR's from keeping me in school and not letting me get kicked out.

Dykes 1992: Brian Kelly
1998: Jason Dickerson

Robert D. Staley

English M L. / Air Force

Big Bob, The Stallion, A.W.

Schweinfurt, Germany

Football,4,3, English Society,4,3,co-President,1 Timmins Society,3,1, German Club,3,1,VM Theater,4,3,1,co-EIC of The Cadet,1,Universita der Bundeswehr,2, DDS,4,3,2,1, #1 Club

It's about time...after six years, and severa institutions of higher learning, I am finally goin to graduate. (and I'm not a doctor) I would like t thank my family for putting up with my frequer college relocations and for believing in m especially in my decision to attend VMI. Mon Dad, Angie, and Jenny, you are the best, and love you. I would also like to thank the roomie especially "Hung-jury" and "Studboy" for bein there for me. I'll never forget all the philosophic sessions we had about love, pomo, women, lif and about how much we hated this place. W worked hard, we partied harder, and now it's tim to show the world who we are. Thanks also to a the professor who surely aged a few years makin me the intellectual stud that I am today. Speci thanks to COL Alan Baragona for teaching m that everything can be construed as sexual. To th dykes: you are a great group of guys, and I wis you the best of luck in your last three years VMI. Finally, thanks to all my Brother Rats f making my experience at VMI the best. 1995!!

Dykes: 1992: John "Scud" Milstead
1998: Wade Germann Josh Metcalf

Allan J. Stankovich

Physics / Special Student

Stan, Stinky, Cubric, Kavorcian

Placentia, CA

1st Lt (1st Bn. S-4) 1; Pvt 2; Cadre Corporal 3; Water Polo 4, 3, 2, 1; SPS 4, 3, 2, 1; Timmins 3, 2, 1

If you hate it so much, why do you stay? This question I have been asked since Cadre week. It took me four years to realize the answer. Rob Davis, Rod Henry, Andy Mack, John Paxton, Alexis Bouchard, Leo Pambid, F-Troop, all the guys in the physics department, and all the guys that have come and gone on the water polo team. That's my answer, and that's enough. If it weren't for all these people I would have been gone along time ago. I learned more from my friends here than I could have learned in a whole lifetime in another school. Mom and Steph, thanks for putting up with me in my four years of hell, your support was invaluable. Dad, I miss you and wish you could have been around to see your son graduate, I hope you're proud, I love you. VMI, for me, is not defined by post limits, but the people that walked with in those limits, because when I think back on VMI it is the people that I will remember. Class of 1995, thanks.

Dykes 1992: Mike Kirkmire
1998: Joe Mattupurath
Russ Sweitzer

John F. Stann III

C. E. / Marine Corps

Stannaman

Myersville, MD

Rat 4, Germany 3, Plt. Sgt 2, Capt. 1, Cadre 2,1, Roadrunners 4, 2, Bulldog 2, ASCE 2, 1,

I think back to the advice my father, class of '69, gave me when I considered matriculating here at VMI..."Don't go there, son." Despite his advice, I came anyway, and dad gave me another helpful hint..."You may be whatever you resolve to be." Armed with dad's advice, a box of brownies from mom and a hot phone number at Hollins, I matriculated at VMI. I decided to broaden my horizons and study abroad in Hamburg, Germany. I became engaged to Dawn (The hot phone number from Hollins!), came back for cadre, got my ring, and before I knew it, I was at Quantico for OCS, being treated like a rat again! My cadet days will end, the rest of my life begins here too...my commissioning on 19 May 1995 and my marriage with Dawn Hruska on 22 May 1995! Mom and Dad, thanks for showing me that I **can** be what I resolve . Andy, you showed me how to be a VMI man. I hope I'm doing as good a job showing my dyke, Paul. Chris and Lloyd, you guys are great roommates, but I'd rather live with Dawn!

Dykes 1992: Andy Tate
1998: Paul Hotze

Robert S. Steele

Chemistry / Air Force

Rob

Virginia Beach, VA

I can't explain in words what I've learned here.... Moreso about life than books, but it has showed me a lot. Thanks Mom & Dad, the two of you are priceless to me, you were the only two there for me the whole four years, I Love You. Jennifer through thick and thin you became by backbone First Class year when I needed you most, All my Love. To my roomates, Mike, Tim, and Larry, you are the meaning of true friendship and sacrifice blood sweat & tears, I love you guys like brothers. To Geoff, my dyke, thank you for the guidance and wisdom to carry me through. Finally to my little brother, be smart, do the right thing, listen to mom and dad, be confident. Doc, it seems you are all-knowing, thank you so very much. Thank you to everyone for the faith love and support.

Dykes 1992: Geoff Fuller
1998: Sean Wilson, Al Carr

Joshua B. Strickler

M.E. / Air Force

Hustla, Blue Team Leader, Giggler,

Nelson County, VA

Pvt 4,3,2 ; Plt Lt 1(god knows why); Soccer 4,3 ; Rugby 2,1 Rat Challenge 2, BOHICA 1234, IHTFP 1234, Low Roller 1, Barracks Cable Club 4

Well after going to VMI for four years, I've learned one thing. The friends you make can have a profound affect on you. Admittedly , this place stinks. Why would any one want to come back after rat year, to face confinement, pts, sticks , tacs, crozet, mallory hall, and third class year. I've thought long and hard about this , and the only reason I can come up with is my friends. Stick, LLoyd, Garth , Ray , John, even Ranger, Pete, Jason, Glenn, Higgy, all of Pervert corner, the class as a whole, and most importantly Cang and Guan-Jun, you guys are what makes VMI. You all are the ones that make it worth coming back, despite the crap that goes on here. The administration wore us down, but we stuck together and made it through. We all changed, and grew up, but we did it together, like the brothers we are.

Dyke 1992: Richard Lee
1998: Alex Blanton, Ryan Landmann

Ante J. Sucic

C. E. / Navy

Snaky

Greenwich, CT

Rugby 4,?,?,1; H Co. XO ;sgt 2; 2nd cpl 3; kicked off cadre 3; almost kicked off cadre 1; survived w/ Turk 3,2,1; boxed Shitz 3; broken bone club 2; Tau Beta Pi 1

Well, four years of hardship are over. All I can say is that I've never appreciated all my parent's sacrifices more than I do now. These four years showed me that no matter how hard things get, they will never compare to the challenges my family had to overcome. Dad, there's one thing that will always be true: I will never come across such a great success story as your's. If it wasn't for all you have done with your life, I'd have no future. So on behalf of my brother and I, I want to say thank you. I've got a great family, cool friends, and the craziest roommates in the world; Shitz, Turk, Cock, Jello. Shitz, I hope you pick my grandson to be your dyke. Remind me to send you the doctor's bill someday. Turk, will you ever hatch from that cocoon? Remember to knock with your hand, and always wear a helmet. Cocky...HUA? Robo and Col Williams don't mix, but I'm glad it healed your arm! The one great thing about VMI is friendship. Thankfully, there were many people to thank.

Dykes 1992: Jerry L. Allen
1998: Patrick Hurley

Sean R. Swineford

History, Special Student

Sean, Pigford, Pig, Destructor

Richmond, VA

Pvt 4, 2, 1; China town 3, 2, 1; Wrestling 4, Diving 2, 1; Shotgun Range 3, 2; Rat Chal. 3, Special forces student 2, 1; House Mtn. Survi Club 2, 1; Barracks Paintball Club 2, 1

Well, it has been an interesting four years at t expense of my parents. Mom and Dad, I can ne thank you enough for all that you have done me. I know that at times I have been fairly una preciative , I apologize. Todd, It was nice livi with you for these few years. Show your m your tattoo!(your welcome-ha) Elizabeth, tha you for your support these last two years, I lo you now and I always will, I promise. Lincol finally understand why you came here, thar for the encouragement through the years, I w you and April the best. To all of my boys CHINA Town, Jano, OPP, Brooksy, Bit Percival, Eger-beaver, Jo-Jo, Frankie, Yong, Fr Cab, and Hector, you guys have been great live with. To the Spring Break crew third cl year, Guys we got to do it again. Soon! To t Rats of 169, study hard, keep your noses cle and cherish the memories. To All of those t gave me support, Thank You very much. Mo You are always on my mind. Dad, Keep y head down on the stock.

Dykes 1992: Kenner Coon
1998: David Nash, Thom Eberhard
Pat Blanks

William L. Taliaferro Jr.

M. E. / Navy

Tapioca, Tawleeifairo

Center Cross, VA

HC 2, 1; Pros 1; Glee Club 4, 3; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; Echo Co CO 1; Rat Challenge 3, 2; Swirly Court 3, 2, 1; Pervert Corner 3, 2, 1

As Jimmy Buffet best said it, "Some of its magic, some of its tragic, but I've had a good life all the way." I guess that about sums up the last four years. From Matruculation on through, It has been the best and worst of times. Just when you thought things were going well, the Institute had a way catching up. (of course it was always 2 days before that big weekend) Nonetheless, I want to thank my parents, for the encouragement and support they gave me throughout. And then where would I be without my roomates, Chris and John. (Who cares if she can do more push-ups than you can?) To the Red-Headed Ranger, PaxTON, Jock-itch, Strickloid, and G-money, and all the guys from the "Hole", here's to a game of midnight wall-ball hours before an exam, T.C., G.E., Green Team leader, Design lab crash derby, The Swirly Court, and especially the He-Man Woman Haters' Club. Thanks to you, my G.P.A. dropped considerably, and my spirits always went up. Ad Astra Per Asperam.

Dykes 1992: David S. Soldow
1998: Timothy O. Tbant

Bryan E. Tash

M. E. / Air Force

Gash, B, Fireman, Who?

Arlington, VA

Rat 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Pvt 1; Rifle 4, 3; Soccer 2, 1; Arnold Air, 4, 3, 2, 1; ASME 2, 1; Ball and Chain Club 3, 2, 1; Procrastination Club 2, 1; Summer school membership pre 4, 4, 3, 2

This all started by looking for a place that would give me a scholarship. What a choice! Since studying is not the way I got through this place, I must have done something else. Run blind s**t and get caught, yup... low roll with my dad at the Palms on parents weekend, yup... Corps trip, Ring Figure, football drunk fests, summer school, Wednesday nights, all nighters, getting drunk at mixers and having your ride leave you, hoggin', sneaking my girlfriend into academic buildings for a bio lesson, stumbling back from the Palms, worming out of confinement, dumb rat questions, etc. Club 134 & S1W thanks for helping me worm out of my penalties. Brian, if you knock over one more cup of coffee...! Then the instructors: Daaa; wabbit; good morning; "you don't need to know this." Dad thanks for all the money. Sarah, thanks for all of your loving support, and putting up with my VMI life (What ring!? ha, ha, got you back) To all the LA majors that kept telling me how they love to get to sleep by taps, kiss my butt, I'm gettin' PAID.

Dykes 1990: Tim Feagans
1998: Jason Lamb

Geoffrey A. Taylor

E.E. / Special Student

Hey Guys! Sweat Machine

Virginia Beach, VA

Activities: Pvt 4,3; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; Btn XO 1; Glee Club 4,3,2,1 (VP); Rugby 4,3; Ac Stars 4,3,2,1; Tutoring BR's 4,3,2,1; Waitin' to get the hell outta' here 4,3,2,1

When I first arrived here in August of 1991, I thought I knew what to expect. My Dad, VMI Class of 1969, had already told about the things he went through, but nothing could have prepared me for that first year. I decided then that I would just stay for my rat year, and would then leave to go to a "real school". An upperclassman once asked me why I came to VMI, and I replied, "To beat the system, sir." I think that VMI did teach me how to beat the system, however. I have learned how to put up with all kinds of crap, and how to see the bright side of the worst situations. I have learned how to get things done when they need to be done, and how to separate the important things from the garbage. Looking back, though, I think the real reason I came to VMI was so that I could do something I would be proud of. I would like to thank my parents and family, my roommates Phil (Redneck) and Ed (Groundhog), all of my BR's and friends here (Hey!, guys), and most of all the Lord for making this an interesting, if not always enjoyable, tour of duty.

Dykes 1992: Robert Fowler
1998: John Getgood

Tieva A. Teriitehau

C.E. / Air Force

Two-tap, T-squared, Tahitian, Fat Kid

Hemdon, VA

OGA Pres. 1; Pvt. 4,1; Sgt. 2; Cpl. 3; Bravo 4,3,2,1; Pervert Corner 4,1; The Lounge 4,3; Vibe 2; ? 1; Ran Blind Club 4,3,2,1; ; Bahamas Crew 2,?1

There are so many people that helped me make it through this place and so many people to thank. I would like to start by thanking my parents for believing in me and supporting me through this ordeal; my sister Jennie for being there when needed. I will not miss much about this place except for all the great friends made, especially next year when most of you are gone and I am still enduring. Mike and Jamie, it's been really fun and interesting living with you guys. We have been through some good and tough times together. Mike, Texas sucks! Pervert corner is the best, period. I'll miss hanging out with you guys and rooms 122, 102 and 124. Bravo BR's we are the best, tightest company ever. Class of '95 we are the best class to come out of this hole. Good luck Class of '98 carry on your dykes' traditions and legacy. Motor, keep on truckin' and hang in there. See ya next year. Sinks or Concourse?

Dykes 1991- Jon "Sponge" Greenspon
1998- Ryan "Motor" Weisiger

Chad R. Tester

M. E. / Air Force

Chester, Testies

Chesapeake, VA

Pvt 3; 1st Plt Sgt 2; 1st class Pvt 1; ASME 4, 3, 2, 1; NSPE 4, 3, 2 VP, 1 Pres; Golf 4, 3; Number 1 club; S-5 Usher 1; Wed night TV club 3, 2, 1; Hop & Floor 1, OGA 1

I am finally graduating. I have survived all aspects of VMI including 4 months of barracks confinement. Thank goodness my roomates were on the same penalty. Kayce and Rick, we have been through a lot together. Ya'll have been great roomates and I hope that we stay close throughout the years to come. With Rick's international connections, Kayce's economic geniuses, Brian's cheese personality, and my engineering capabilties, we will one day own our own club Estes. Brian, I am glad that you moved into 102 with us, finally someone else in the room that watched 90210 and Melrose. To Chuck and Dot Davis, thanks for all the dinners ya'll have treated me to. To the dykes of 102, good luck in your remaining years and hopefuly ya'll will remember some of the things I tought you. Last, but not in the least, I owe everything to my family. It is hard to sum up all the appreciation I have to give ya'll in a few words. Thank you and I love ya'll very much!

Dykes 1992: Henry Steve Pitts
1998: Nathan Blackburn
Chad Novacek

Cang G. Thai

C. E. / Special Student

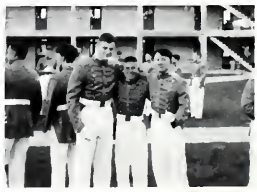
Smoking Joe, Stairmaster, Bunny Rabbit

Fairfax, VA

Pvt 3, 2, 1; International Club; ASCE; Timmon Society; Cadet Waiter 4, 3, 2, 1; MNM BN MS XO 1; Ranger Co 4, 3, 2, 1; Rack monster victi 4, 3, 2, 1

I can't believe it is my turn to write my own fi class history. It has been a long tough journ which made me who I am today. I thank VMI f the experience of a lifetime. I wouldn't tra anything in the world for what I went through. experienced RDC, GC, RT, PT, sweat partie RDC raids, and etc. My BRs I will never forg Thank you for the friendships that I gained throu my cadetship (ie. especially Josh, Guan Jun, Stic Hershey, S. G., and Bill). Chris, Thai, and Jol stay out of trouble. I would like to thank my parer for believing in me and gave me courage. All t C.E. Professors for my education , esp. Dr "J Mrs. Dooley, I will never forget you because can never thank you enough for what you di You are like a second mom to me. Mr. Brickn '56, thank you for the scholarship and friendshi Last of all, I am honored to meet those who d not think I can make it. In your face. "Tomorro is a brand new day".

Dykes 1992: Mark Weitecki
1998: Chris Chan, John Morris
Thai Trinh



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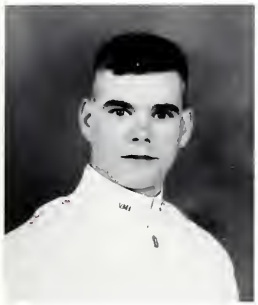


M.E. / Air Force

Rodster, Hot Rod, Wildy, Roddy

Lovettsville, Virginia

Corporal; Private 2, 1; Power Lifting 3, 2, 1 (Captain 1); VMI Firefighters 3; ASME 1; Number 1 Club 3; Midnight Cocktail Club 4, 3, 2, 1

Rod is the type of person in which it takes a while to learn that he's a great guy. Rod loves to have a good time and thus never refuses an offer. He is notorious for his opportune, one liner jokes that catch you off guard, mostly because you don't expect it from Rod. That's because Rod gives you the impression that he is a quiet, shy guy, although that is absolutely contrary to the truth. Rod is highly ambitious and determined to be successful. Rod is a VMI man in every respect and his Brother Rats are blessed to have him. Thanks for the memories Brother Rat, Roommate, Drinking Buddy, and friend. – P.M. Thanks Mom, and Dad for putting me through school and putting up with me while in school. I couldn't have made it through this place without you. But the ones who kept me insane enough to stay sane were Pat and Kevin. I want to thank them both for helping me do this and for helping me when I needed it.

Dykes 1992: John "Doobie" Darby
1998: Bill Fallon

Walter V. Thornton

English / Air Force

Fatman X, Big T, Heavy T, Tho

Surry, Va.

Corporal 3, PADE Cadre 3, Cadre Sgt. 2, Rat Training Cadre 2, Soundman for Vibe 2, Singer Vibe 1, O.G.A. Rep. 1.

Well the road less traveled has finally come to an end. First and for most I'd like to thank God for giving me the strength to carry on. Next I'd like to give thanks to my family. I would like to thank especially Mom and Alfred for picking me back up when I had fallen down. Leola, thanks for being there. Joe, continue to work hard and don't let anything stand in your way. I'm a living example that anyone can achieve their dreams if they work hard. Daddy, I hope that our relationship continues to grow in a positive manner. Tiffney, thank you for all that you've done and for just being there when I needed you. Wade, Good luck in the Corps. Curt, as far as I'm concerned, you did walk the stage in May 1995. If anyone deserves that Navy commission, you do. Work hard and you'll get it. Good luck BR. Todd, good luck in the fleet! And last but not least, Dean, when it comes to my honor or our friendship, our friendship wins hands down. Mark, good luck and keep those grades up. J.C., Dave and Chris, hang in there. Good luck BRs.

Dykes 1992: Sam Johnson
1998: Mark Robinson

David B. Tillar

C. E. / Air Force

Macgyver

Emporia, VA

Cadre 3rd Corp., 2; Cadre MSg, 1; Pvt.Blood Drive Rep 4-2, Chairman 1, Concrete Canoe Design Team, Steel Bridge Design Team, VMI Fire Fighters, OGA, Lt. 1, ASCE

I have been here since high school graduation, Brian rat-roomie it's just you and me now. We had an awesome room and alot of fun. You can't say what needs to be said in this space. To my buddy Mark, I wish you the best of luck with the Corps, it takes more balls to leave, than it does to stay. Geoff, Dave, and John, it's been great living with you guys, thanks for the good times and for putting up with my bitchin. Birds-the-word, Ranger, and Kinker, you rednecks have been great neighbors and great friends even if two are from God's country and one is local. O' dyke of mine, do what's important to you; (academically) do what I say not what I do. Brother Rats, I wish you the best of luck. It's been fun, It's been real, Has it been real fun? - Ask me when I'm an alum.

Dykes 1992: Mark Crocker
1998: Chris Floom

Terrin R. Tucker

C. S. / Navy

Terry, Tuck Renard, Hubb, Lemon

Lynchburg, VA

Football 4, 3, 2, 1; Fresh of Week 3; Promaji 4, 3, Treas 2, exec VP 1; Big Red Club 2; Gospel Choir 3, 2, VP 1

I would like to thank God and my parents for everything! I would like to thank those guys who stood by in the ratline(brothers, bill, eddie,bill, f-troop) to all those members of the football team I loved playing w/ u guys.(hang in there) coaches good luck! big mike and wood, show 'em where youre from. thanks to past and present coaching staffs/keydet club/Giles family for the scholarships. to the brothers(the real ones know who they are) keep lookin out. keep in touch. hubb, tim,the johns,charlie,eric,lester,dame,d-o,mac,kev,235,335,weve been thru a lot-y'all more than me. spike keep fighting. i love you all like the brothers I already have. call on me if you need anything. eric and brian it goes by fast,-g-luck in track and b-ball. last every-1's invited 2 my grad party at the G-house. Peace!

Dykes 1992: Cutis Mason
1998 Eric Gay, Brian Taueg

Brian C. Turnage

Eco. Bus. / Army

Load, Chia, Turnball, Thirty

Richmond, VA

Baseball 4 3 2 1, Fellowship of Christian Athletes 3 2 1, Private 4 3 2 1, Monogram Club 3 2 1.

The longest four years of my life is actually over. VMI was not my favorite place in the world, but I think after I get out of here for a while I will be able to put out of my mind most of the things I hated about this place and be able to focus on the few good times I had. To all of the guys on the team, you really have been great. Chad, you were the one that forced me to go here, but if we get out of here together I'll forgive you. Dave, I really did enjoy having you as a roommate. You had to put up with a lot living with three Richmond guys, but you have become one of my best friends. Marlin and Merlin, well we came here as best friends and now we are leaving as even better friends. To all my friends away from here thanks for giving me a place to stay on the weekends. Mom, Dad, Maryanne, and Aunt Helen, thank you for all of the love and support that you all gave me through these past four years, I love all of you . I would like to thank God for giving me strength.

Dykes 1992 David Downs
1998 Mark Austin, Mike Spinelli

Flavius M. Tyson

M. E. / Special Students

Trey, TD, Pooky

Midlothian, VA

Lt 1; Sgt 2; Cpl 3; VMI Firefighters 3, 2, 1; Block Runners Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F-Troop 1; Golf Co 2, 3, 4; Lazy 1, 2, 3, 4; Lived with Sam West 1, 2, 3; Lived with Justin Rubino 1, 2

I can't believe that it's finally my first class year - only problem is that I'll be back to repeat it again next year as well. Nobody's perfect! So far life here at the "I" has been an interesting experience. Like everyone else, I have progressed from being a rat, to a rat with a radio, to a rat with a ring, and now a rat with a rat. I guess this is the never ending cycle of VMI. Going through it with all my friends made for some wild times to say the least. It seemed like forever before the Class of 95 would be approaching the end, but now I don't want to see all the members of our class to split and go their own ways. For Chris and Lee: study some, get away from here as often as possible, and party your asses off (except for Chris, after your rat year you'd better take it easy). Sam and Justin - even though you guys will end up turning the Navy upside down, I'm gonna miss the friendship and all the crazy things we did together. Thanks for putting up with me. As for me, I have the "Fifth Year" experience to look forward to next year with the rest of the rocket scientists from our class.

Dykes 1992: Tom Christman
1998: Lee Guill, Chris Craft

Brian V. Ucciardi

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Ucc, Chico

Virginia Beach, VA

Wrestling 1, 2, 3, 4; Dean's list 1, 2, 3, 4; Alpha Phi Omega 2, 1 VP; Cadet Investment Club 1; Surfing 1, 2, 3, 4; Mountain View Resort 2.5

To my family, Thank you for being there. Mom and Dad you will never be able to realize how much you have helped me. T.J., having you as a little brother I always knew I had someone to take out my frustrations on. Trish, thanks for also always being there. Grandma and Papa Joe, thanks for the ring and the love. Grandma Leach, for every time you thought about me, I thought of you, thank you. My time at VMI has been a unique one and in the infamous words of my parents, "it builds character." If so, I have enough character for most of Virginia. It must have been the right decision, and someone must have looking over my shoulder when Coach Trudgeon came around. Mom, you are the strongest person I know, nothing can stop you. Dad, you are an incredible man, you have had a harder time when I was at VMI than I did. T.J., a great little bro. I am at peace because I know my grandfathers can see me. I am myself like you some how, I'll ride the wave where it takes me. I'll hold the pain, Release me. (PJ)

Dykes 1992: Rusty Hale
1998: Richard Daughtridge

Andrew B. Warren

English / Marine Corps

Drew, Nasty, Warren G, Vanilla Ice

Charlottesville, VA

Reg't S-3 Sgt 2; Reg't S-3 Capt 1; RDC Member 1; English Society 3, 2, 1; Semper Fi Society 3, 2, 1; College Republicans 2, 1; '95 Ring Figure Committee 2; Bulldog Plt 2;

I must include a thanks to the trinity that has given me the abilities to weather the storm; to God, Mom, and Dad I can only say Thank You, although a lot more is in order. Jamey and Kurt don't forget that you will always be my brother rats, good luck. Jolyon, I can best describe our relationship as one of brotherly love. Dave, I never know if I will view you as quite normal and don't ever stop using your storybook imagination. Bruno and Whitey I am glad you could join the party. Kellner, to be "Big Time" is a distinction that few are worthy of. Mack Daddy - I never thought ten weeks could be that much fun, Whoa! "Is that you again Grimes, you and Warren ain't nothin' but trouble." Burke - Without any regrets I can say that the Regimental system and our livers will never be the same again. Big "AL" - see you at the Institute in the class of 2017. Good luck to you Jack and Jimmy. Best of luck to class of 1995. "Only two things last until the end, these are your heroes and your friends.- Randy Travis"

Dykes 1991: Chris Wyatt
1998: Jim Duncan, Jack Beason

Curtis E. Webster

History / Navy

Earl

Ionia, MI

Peer Drug and Alcohol Cadre 3; Rappelling Cadre 3; Operations Sgt cadre 2; Ring Figure Painter (cannon ball and sally port); pugil stick cadre 2; Intramural 1; Plt Ldr 1; GC Sec 1

Everyone that has ever gone through these arches and become lost within the depths of barracks has gone through the same thing. We all know that we have a lot to be proud of, so nothing more needs to be said about that. To Chris, Rob, Scottie, and Carl: You all know just how much you meant to us rats dyking in 108. Thanks. To John and Gabe, stick with it. Just keep working hard and have something to be proud. Wade, Alan, Todd and Vaughn, I think you'll all make excellent officers. My best wishes and good luck to all of you. What can I begin to say to even attempt to describe what you all have done for me especially these last four most difficult years. My parents, there is no way God could have ever given me a better set. You have loved and supported me all my life, you have my eternal gratitude and love, I love you all. Kristin, You know how much you have brightened up my life, and I very much look forward to the day when we are married. For the people down in Crozet Hall, no offense, but the food sucked!!! This is Curt Webster, and that's news to me!!

Dykes 1992: Chris Bergen
1998: John Dewey, Gabe Hubbel

Frederick M. Werth

Biology / Army

Binker

Independence, VA

Cadre 3; Sgt 2; Lt 1; Firefighter 3, 2, 1; Ranger Co 2; S-5 Counseling 2, 1; S-2 Staff 2, 1

If I graduate in May, it will not be a result of anything I've done. The recognition belonged to my family and friends. Thanks Mom and Dad for being the most supportive parents I could have hoped for. To my brother Geoff and my roommate Mark, you guys are my best friends, and I never would have made it without you. Thanks to my grandparents for instilling in me a sense of honor and duty. And thank you Diane. No matter what is in the future, I hope you know that you kept me here, and got me through it.

Dykes 1992: Steve Smith
1998: Tony Smith, Jeff Gorman

Samuel S. West

C. E. / Navy

Biff, YARR!

Powahatan, VA

Ranger Plt; Trident Soc 3, 2, 1; Cpl; Reg S-2 Sgt; Reg S-2 Capt; Ac Stars 3, 2, 1; Tau Beta Pi; Rat Chal 3, 2; VMI Firefighters 3, 2, 1; ATST 3, 2, 1; Blacksburg Boxing Team 2

I would never have beleived four years ago that my time spent here would go by so fast. Even though it has not been easy, I am glad VMI was my first choice. It has been interesting to see what has happened over four years. I will never forget the freinships I have made here. For Trey, I wish you good luck graduating before our rats do. I hope next year you will be able to get to bed before three in the morning every once in a while. Justin, I better get an invitation to your wedding after graduation. Remember, the navy needs a few good Piper pilots! Crazy, I hope the world will be safe once you graduate! Tim, remember everything is your fault! By the way, if you try to impress one more girl by telling her you were the Bomb editor, I will ring your neck. Mike and Keith, keep setting the academic world on fire! You will definately be building rockets at the pace you are going now! It is hard to find a group of friends who have been through so much together.

Dykes 1992: Doug Olson
1998: Mike Myers, Keith Lawhom

Damian O. Wilbourne

Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Airborne, FreakDad, Dame

Newark, NJ

Promaji 4,3,2,1; Wrestling 3,2,1; Work Study 3,2,1; Glee Club 4,3; S-5 Counseling Staff 2,1 Outreach 3; Promaji Big Brother Club 2; Sentinals 4,3.

First, I would like to thank God for providing me with the chance to travel down the road rarely taken. Further thanx go to my great-grandmother, my grandfather, my Mother, and the rest of my family and friends who helped me mold my life into what it is now. A special thanx goes out to the Williams Family, the Wright Family, Mrs. Uzzell and all alumni for believing in me whenever I hit rock bottom. John, we've been roommates for a long time. You're like the brother I never had, thanks. Charlie, we've been tighter than a pair of spandex on Davenport. A shoutout goes out to the wrecking crew: Mike, Jack, Avi, Alex, Greg and Kelly. Stay strong because there's nothing out there that either of you couldn't handle. Next, to all of the fellows that I didn't mention, good luck in your future endeavors. Finally, I would like to give an X-tra special thanx to the lady of my life, Jackie. Thanx sticking beside me whenever I needed a shoulder to lean on. Just believe in yourself and then you'll be able to make the most out what you have. So until the next time we meet..Peace!!

Dykes 1992: Dap Tillery
1998: Mike Rogers, Jackie Woodson

Brian C. Williams

M.E. / Air Force

Stick Boy, Twig, Hay Flounder

Gloucester Point, VA

Hop & Floor-4-1 VMI Fire Fighters-3,2,1 VMI Bomb 3,2 ASME-2,1 Virgin Pvt. Bravo Auxiliary-4,3,2,1 Pervert Corner-1 Hole Swirly Court-3,2,1 Balled Up-4,3,2,1... Low Roller-1

I have had a hard time believing that it's time to write my history. I never thought I would make it but at the same time I knew I would. I must thank my family for their support. If it weren't for them I wouldn't be here. I have managed to forge some great friends. Wrestling with Matt, listening to Garth bitch, William bullshit, and Kevin tell me what's wrong with myself; The first hop as a third, my party second class year for Ricky, venturing up to Mass., Ring Figure, and weekends with the boys; The Hole; Watching Matt's sex life go down in flames, Ricky's general disgust for this entire system, Derek being a dumb redneck, Grimace being both hungry and nosy, The Oompas, Fleck being Cheesy, Paul being nasty, Tony too cool, Num, Mike being Satan, Lush Boy, Josh being a loud weird friend like me, D.S., Ray the Soldier, Fellows-a riot in general, LLoyd, Rat roomie Dave, The Hole gang, Alpha Co., J.B. Call, and everybody else I forgot. Thank's guys for giving me some of the best years of my life. Good Luck Class of 1995!

Dykes 1992: Mike Doczi
1998: Scott "Doogie" Houser
Tom "Dictator" Wirth

Danial S. Williams

E. E. / Army

Hot Stuff, Seymour, Hero

Fairfax, VA

3rd Battalion Co; MNMB Co 1; Reg SgM MNMB SgM; 3rd Bat Sgt Maj 2; 3rd Cpl; #1 Club; IEEE Sec 2, Pres 1; Tau Beta Pi 2, Sec 1; Eta Kappa Nu VP 1; Ranger Challenge 4, 3, 2

The adage about being a Rat all four years is the most accurate summation of this "healthful and pleasant abode." Looking back, I think I had more memorable experiences than I ever knew were possible. I am also thankful that I graduated as an E^2 and never attended summer school here. Rich and Ryan, although it took us three years to come together, I will always remember and look forward to our experiences as E^2's and drunk fools. You two are the epitome of Brother Rats - "tough times don't last, tough people do." Larry, Tim, Brad, Elvin, Kevin, Beef, Eddie, Lloyd, Dennis, Mark, Ray, Sean, and friends, I wish you the best of luck and happiness. To all of the Rangers, Norsemen, Grunts, and Heathens, "You Suck, You Bastard!" You all are the reason I came and stayed and succeeded. Mom and Dad, if a parent's wish is to develop a happy, healthy, and prosperous child, then I congratulate you on a outstanding job. I cannot complain.

Dykes 1992: Todd Viar, Larry Neville
1998: Brad Coleman

Timothy O. Williams

Econ. Bus. / Army

Tim

Warm Springs, VA

Football 4, 3, 2, 1

I find it hard to believe that my cadetship is near its end. There have been good and bad times and times I can't remember and those I will never forget. It seems like yesterday I arrived at the "T", but now its time to leave. I've grown and learned so much since matriculation. I must wait patiently for graduation, but all good things are worth waiting for. The friends that I have made since day one, mainly my friends on the football and baseball teams that I have grown to love like family. I understand how much you go through and I respect it even if some people don't! Thanks for all the fun times we shared, working hard in practice and giving our all on the field. Mom, thank you for your love and support, you are the greatest in the world. Dad, you will never have a chance to read this nor the chance to see me graduate, even though you are not with me physically anymore you will always stay with me in my heart. Dad I love you and I know that you can hear me! To my brothers and sisters, I'm so lucky to have each one of you on my side. Thanks for everything that all of you have done.

Dykes 1992:
1998:

Christopher W. Wills

C. E. / Army

Spaz Boy, Mr. Wills

Forest, VA

Rat 4; Cpl 3; 1st Sgt 2; Pvt 1 (thank God); Cadre 3, 2; Ranger Co 4, 3, 2; Tanker Plt 3, 1; ASCE 2, 1; OGA 1; Distinguished Military Graduate; Summer Scholar 4, 3, 2, 1

This has been the longest four years and four summers of my life. I was naive enough to think that it got easier after the rat line. Third class year was worse than anything I could have imagined as a rat but somehow I made it through. Then came my second and first class years, and with them the privileges that make life here, well let's just say bearable. I think I spent more time at VA Tech than I did here my last two years. I couldn't have made it through here without my roommates John and Lloyd, and all the money my parents "donated" to me. Rick and Fuji my summer school roommates, you guys made this place interesting to say the least. You know Rick eventually they're going to have to let us graduate. Eric and James, all you need to make it through the next three years is a sense of humor and lots of Advil. Edie Marie, thanks for asking me to Mil-Ball, I love you! To all my BRs, good luck and I'll see ya in five.

Dykes 1992: Tom Timmes
1998: Eric Smith, James Blandford

Garth K. Winterle

M. E. / Army

Garth

Muncy, PA

XO 1; Sgt 2; 8th Cpl 3; Ranger Co 4, 3, 2, 1; Theater 2; ASME 2, 1; He-Man Women Haters Club 3, 2, 1; MS I Co I

I never saw VMI until it was too late-I already sent the tuition in. All things aside though, I'm glad that I decided to stay. The friendships and experiences will stay with me for a lifetime-then again, so will Crozet food. Without my friends I wouldn't have anything here. So thanks to Stick, Matt, Bob, Lloyd, Josh, Guan Jun, Hersh, and all the rest. By the way, PJ should thank me for letting him win all those raquetball games. Mike and Joe-you're the best dykes I've ever had, and the only(ha ha). Wade and Josh hang in there, it gets better. "Engineering is just applied physics"

Dykes 1992: Larry Watson
1998: Mike Lorence

Mark G. Womble

History / Army

Banana

South Boston, VA.

Rugby 4; Cpl 3; Sgt 2; PVT 1; RDC 1; Firefighter 3, 2, 1; The Cadet 1; Ring Figure Comm. 2; Monk's Roommate; Crozet taste tester; Intramurial Assistant 1

Praise Allah this is finally over! When I look back though, it is hard to realize where these four years have gone. It only seems like yesterday that we had our doors kicked in for that first sweat party. Luckily, we have that all behind us now. I have learned two very important lessons here at the "I" during my stay. The first is that you can always depend on a friend. Including those guys who are crazy enough to lend you their car for the weekend (Rick, Lee, and Brad). The second being that you should always make the best of a bad situation. I just want to thank my mother for pointing me in the right direction, and my family for supporting my decision. Their support along with that of my friends has really helped me survive this place. Mark and Matt (the two Monks) how can I say what I want to say here? We'll get together, have a beer, and talk about it all after we graduate. Ratman, the late-comer. Better late than never, right. Big T, need I say more! Good Luck Munchk--Head Funk Boy--I'll be back to visit, but not anytime soon!

Dykes 1992: Mark Thackston
1998: Jason Shatarsky

Bryan M. Woolsey

C.E./Air Force

Bryan

Pineville, WV

asketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tau Beta Pi 1; Monogram lub 1, 2, 3

irst of all, I would like to thank God for giving e the opportunity to come to VMI. I would ke to thank my family for supporting me roughout my four years of school. I would so like to thank all of my friends for their pport. The basketball coaches also deserve a ank you for helping in any way what so ever. VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Dr. mison, without this man, I would not be where m today. To all Cadets who thnk they are high d mighty because they are at VMI and have a tle power, I feel sorry for you when you get in e real world, you are going to be in for a big ock.

ykes 1992:
1998:

Gregory R. Wright, Jr

History / Navy

Nose

Fairfax Station, VA

Football 4,3 ERT 3,2,1 ACIC Firefighter 2,1 CIC Theater 3 Palms Club

"They" say that hostages form an emotional bond with their captors due to psychological stress or something. I don't know who listens to "them" but I know that I couldn't have made it through this place without my fellow hostages. And we know all too much about that in room 121. Drew, Dave, Sid, my roomates, my friends. Say the word and you know you can count on me. The one thing to remember this place by and the most important thing to leave it with is the friendships you developed. About the only other things to aquire would be that big ring and long-awaited diploma. Mom and Dad I did this mostly for you. I told you four years and out. John, my only brother, I know you'll make it just fine. Bighead Zig, Todd, Foesch, and Ogie-102 'nuff said. Good Luck '98 Berk. Harris. "Gunga Alunga, gunga alunga; which means on my deathbed I will receive total consciousness. So I got that going for me." Bill Murry, Caddyshack

Dykes 1992: Jeff Zeigler
1998: Jeff Berkley, Mike Harris

Jeffrey L Wright

C.E. / Army

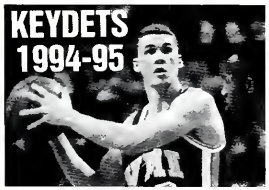
Shaggy, The Kid

Woodbridge, VA

Virgin Private Ac. Pro. 2 Parrot Head 4,3,2,1 Rugby 3,2 Confinement 4,3,2,1 A.S.C.E. 2,1 I.H.T.F.P. 4,3,2,1 Clueless 4 Morose 3 Dazed 2 Exhausted 1 '82 Chevy Cavalier 2

When I first arrived at V.M.I. I wanted to be an Airborne Combat Engineer, in the U.S. Army. I wasn't any bigger, smaller, faster, slower, smarter, or less intelligent than anyone else. I was just an average kid, without direction, and a lot of heart and determination. Now, my heart has proven that I'm a V.M.I. man, my head has gotten me a Civil Engineering degree, and my gut has told me to be an engineer and wear a tie, not Army greens. My motto has always been, "as long as you're having fun". "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers". Kirk, Jason, I couldn't have made it without you, however, I could have done without having my chain pulled all the time. Best of luck to you both, my brothers, my friends. Now, I have my whole life ahead of me and "my purpose holds to sail beyond the sunset", and V.M.I. has taught me that "I am the master of my fate, the captain of my soul". Mom, Dad, Steve, Granny, Gramps, and Grandma Lyn, thank you for everything (far too much to list), I couldn't have done it without you!!! "Life is life and fun is fun, but it's awfully quiet when the goldfish dies".

Dykes 1992:Kieth Peloquin
1998:Doug Locke



Mark E. Wysong

History / Air Force

Chewie, Meat

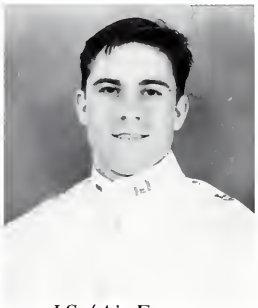
Williamsburg, VA

Wrestling 4, 3, 2, 1; RDC 2, 1; ARI 3, 2, 1; Bomb Staff 3, 2, 1; Third Battalion S-6: Cared 4, 3; Didn't Care 2; Really Didn't Care 1; Cynical Boy - Always; Girls 4, 3, 2; Carolyn 1

The time has finally come for me to write this and its a little anti-climatic. To say the least. I have crammed four years of college into six. During my stay at VMI I have learned many things that centuries of wise men before me have failed to learn. For instance, the reward for hard work - is hard work. Also, the game is sometimes over even before the fat lady starts to warm up. A bull and a fence isn't a really good analogy. Life is a journey, not a destination. And, that you need to stop and smell the roses, even if they are in someone else's yard. But this nightmare could not have been complete without the help of my brother Mike, who to this day still wears bad shoes. Scott, it has been great living with you for three years, you are truly a great friend. Donna, Bill, and little John, I couldn't have asked for a better second family. Diane, R.F. '95. Mom and Dad, you have given me support and the strength of character to make it through one of the most difficult times in my life. I thank you all.

Dykes 1992: Neil Henningan
1998: Dave "Spaz" Pouleris
Chris "Fat Kid" Darden

Christopher G. Yeatts



I.S. / Air Force

Scrappy, Drippy, The Farmville Flash

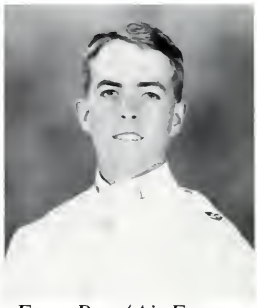
Rice, VA

Rat 4; Football 4; Cpl 3; Special Student 3, 2, 1; Pvt 2, 1; Dean's List 2; Big Red Club 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 3, 2, 1; VMI Haters Club 4, 3, 2, 1

I can't believe that my four year sentence to V.M.I is finally coming to an end. How can I describe my cadetship? It was the best of times and the worst of times. The fellas of Rm# 121 made life interesting and sometimes painful. Greg, Cid, and Fatty - for the last time put the "Beast" on a leash! Tack, Goody, Moose, and Rich - thanks for always being there when I needed you. You all have been great roommates. Last but surely not least, Mom, Dad, and Mike - if it were not for your guidance and support I would have never made it threw this living nightmare. Mom and Dad, whether you believe it or not, I do realize all the sacrifices which the both of you have made for me. Thanks! I hope I made you proud and continue to do so.

Dykes 1992: Rhett "Cheese" Vause
1998: Jason "Gump" Crowder

Michael T. Young



Econ. Bus. / Air Force

Shooter

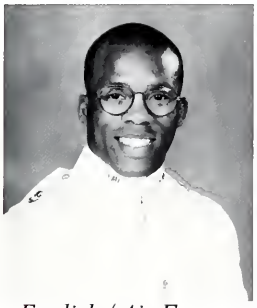
Springfield, VA

Soccer 1, 2, 3, 4; Team Captain 3, 4

There is no doubt in my mind, that without the incredible support I have gotten from family, friends, teammates, trainers, and coaches, I would not have made it. Thank you, mom and dad, for everything that you have done for me and our soccer team these four years. All of the road trips, newsletters, team dinners, and travel uniforms that you all took time out for really made a difference. Mike and Charles, I'll never room rock concerts, and our verbal bashing of one another! Thanks to all my teammates and coaches for making the sweat and tears worth the effort. Jeff and Jimmy, who would have thought we'd be the only ones left out on the field four years after we came together! VMI soccer's future is bright. I wish the team the best of luck. Good luck Amy; and good luck to the dykes of 108 as you go through your college journey. I will miss my roommates, teammates, and college soccer very much; but I have to quote NFL QB Jim McMahon on what he said the greatest day of his college career was. "Getting the hell out of there."

Dykes 1992: Andy Andrews
1998: Stephen Schwanke

Charles E. Branch



English / Air Force

Charlie

Petersburg, VA

Wrestling 4, 3, All-American 2, Captain 1; RDC VP 2; Monogram Club 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1

I want to first of all thank the almighty himself, (God) for blessing me with the opportunity to attend VMI. Thanks to my family for supporting me while I finished everything I started. For those who told me I would never be a National Champion, that still remains to be seen. (You also told me I would never be an All-American) You were the driving force which gave me the determination to prove you wrong. Lastly I want to thank a person who believed in me since my first day, John Trudgeon. I never really expressed to you how much it meant to me all that you have done . My performance is a reflection of what you have instilled in me. Thanks to my roomates (Dame and John) for being the other two legs on our three legged stool. Good luck to you, Dame, Jackie, Jen and John. To the crew (dykes) don't forget to represent after we are gone. Pay your dues on the hill, make others pay on the field, and the court (Greg). I love you all and don't forget GOD. Avi, thanks for being my little brother!

Dykes 1992: Shawn Turner
1998: Avi Hopkins, Greg Robison

Douglass H. Fisher

I.S. / Air Force

Turk

Poquoson, VA

Well, I guess it is finally time to say goodbye. As much as I've hated it here, I can honestly say I've seen things at VMI have been different. Where else can you break all the windows in your room and not have to pay for them; throw mop buckets and wall lockers off the fourth stoop into the courtyard, dump your roommates hay and clothes out of the back window, kick in glass doors, ride bikes on the stoop while intoxicated, make heinous road trips every weekend, throw fireworks and "other things" into rooms, and drink Robitussin for the heck of it. A friend once described VMI as "being at summer camp but being to old to enjoy it". Cock, Snake, Shitz, and Mike, I'll never forget the nights we've had together. To my parents, I am grateful to all that you have done for me. I havn't been the easiest son to raise, and my time at VMI hasn't been different. I would like to thank God for all that he has done for me. There has truly been only one set of prints in the sand during the last four years of my life.

Dykes 1992: Charlie Enochs
1998: Jay Roderiques

Jack E. Glover III

Bus. Econ. / Army

Crazy Eddie, Ed-Lover, G-Lover

Vinton, VA

PVT 4, 3, 2, 1; MNM BN MSIII XO 1; Ranger Challenge 4, 3, 2, 1; Rack monster victim 4, 3, 2, 1

The guidance of God Almighty has seen me through the good and the bad here at V.M.I.. Without great parents this would have been just a dream, or a nightmare, whatever you choose to call it. To Mom, Dad, and Amy, I love you all and thank you for the loving support you have given me over the years. It hasn't been exactly what I'd expected, but what ever is. To all of the VMI rangers past, present and future, keep the faith and carry on the tradition of excellence. SGM Goodson thanks for the guidance BR. Best of luck to the dykes of 196 and most of all thanks to the class of 1995.

Dykes: 1992:
1998:

Scott C. Gowland

M.E. / Army

Uncle Adolf, Cpt. Gowland

Lutherville, MD

Band 4, 3, 2, 1; Golf 1; Ranger Co 1,2; Bugler 1; Bomb 1, OCF 4, 3, 2, 1; Newman Club 4, 3, 2, 1; VMI Firefighters 3, 2, 1; ASME 4, 3, 2, 1; Summer School 4, 3, 2, 1; Club 454

Well, it is time to say goodbye. I did not waste my cadetship playing videogames, getting drunk, running up dept, chasing women, getting speeding tickets, hazing, playing loud music, sleeping in class, or bible thumping. I studied hard every night, got up early every morning, went to every Army early morning PT session, and I always got my hair cut twice a week. Not! I received a lot of growing pains at the I. Lessons learned: Study, stay away from religious girlfriends, stay off All-pro, stay away from comers in Mallory Hall, don't trust anybody, stay away from Roanoke College,haze your dykes, run the block, have women on the forth stoop, make Beef diesel, put a Smiley face on Supes hill, get drunk in barracks, I lived with Ambler, Migliacci, Crazy, broke everything I could and raised hell. I didn't forget the Big Daddies, Thanks to Paruti,Hector B.,Koster, Reichosta,Crazy A, Rambler ,Oday, Peter Yi (trpoon), Sean Davis, Rubino, Travis Perry, Tabitha, Mellisa, &Dawn,

Dykes 1992: Craig Price
1995: Demetri Poulos,
Chris Buchness, Tony Ezell

Jonathan L. Jenkins

Biology / Air Force

Stump, Joltin Jon, Big Daddy

Virgina Beach, VA

Rat 4; Pvt 3; Civilian 2; Pvt 1; Boxing 4,3,1

When I first got to the "I" I wasn't sure what to think of this place, and now at the end of my cadetship I still don't know what's going on. But I do know I've made some great friends here and they helped me through all the tough times. John, since high school we've had plenty of adventures and hopefully we'll have many more. To my rommies, Geoff wer'e still "DA BOYS", Dave no matter what state of mind we were in we always had fun, and Tillar hope one day you find the right "crackers." To my dyke Charles, hang in there, you're off to a great start. To my family thanks for all the rides home and support you gave me throughout my cadetship, and most of all to my dad for backing me when my grades did not meet the standard. Thanks guys, I couldn't have made it without you.

Dykes 1992: Dave Massie
1998: Charles Houk

Jerzy W. Mikulski

I.S. and History / Army

The Jerz, Jerz, Ski

Plainville, CT

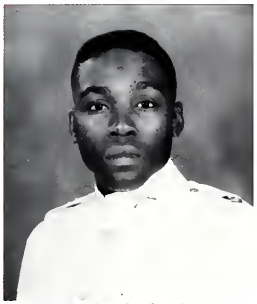
Football 4, 3, 2; Sgt 2; Newman Club 4, 3; AC Honors 4, 3, 2, 1; APO 2; PAT Hist. Honor Frat. 2, pres 1; Ranger Co 2

I always wanted to be in the military, perhaps that is why I chose VMI. However, VMI is more than just a school that follows a military agenda. VMI is honor, tradition, and perseverance. When I arrived at VMI almost four years ago in August I did not know anything about the Institute. I did not know the difficulties that I was going to encounter over the next four years, especially those difficulties that I was about to face my rat year. Thanks to the help of some great people like SGM Hockaday, Mrs. Davis and many other important people, I was able to make it. But the greatest thanks goes to my Dad and Mom, whose love, patience and constant support(not to mention money)gave me the strength to carry on. I wish to give my best wishes to my Brother Rats Good Luck. And to the Rats of 98 some inspiration, "You may be whatever You resolve to be". Good Luck. Real Life Awaits! "Dzieki ci Boze za moja cala rodzine, Mojego kochnego Ojca moja cierpliwa Matke, mojego zabawnego Brata i za mojego Przyjaciela. Za twoja i ich milosc jestem wdzieczny."

Dyke 1992: Chris Keever
1998: J.C. de los Reyes

ONCE AGAIN: FIVE YEAR MEN

E. Sean Lanier



History-English / Army

Humperdink, Smoove E, E

Petersburg, VA

Track 4, 3, 2, 1; Promaji Club 4, 3, 2, 1; Monogram Club 2, 1; Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1

Well now that I look back on it, this place wasn't so bad. I would like the to thank the two most important people to me other than the obvious GOD: Latishia Lanier & Kim Darice Wynn. Without the support of these two women I would not be in this yearbook today. I hope that my dyke(s) find their own path in life and not follow the side roads that I encountered. I would ask that the brother rats of my class judge me not on the basis of that ill-fated year, but how I matured after that year and came to realize how important their bond was which I missed out on. I would also like to wish the best to Holm G. Ankoma-Sey, who is the little brother that I never had . Finally, I would like to thank everyone who motivated me to continue on with my pursuit in obtaining this dream whether it was positively or negatively: I AM THROUGH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Dykes 1991: Michael Loren Parnell
1997: Eddie Winston

D. Zachary Scott

I. S. / Marine Corps

Zack, Pappy, The Old Man, Z-Man

Alexandria, VA

Virgin Private 4, 3, 2, 1; Track Team 4, 3, 2, 1

I still really do not know why I came to VMI or came back, I just knew I had to be here for my education. I have learned a lot about myself the first time I was here and learned more the second time even after 4 years in the Marine Corps. I would like to thank my new found brother rats for excepting me back into the Corps and my professors for being patient with me as I readjusted to the academic world. I wish everyone in the Class of 1995 fair winds and following seas and to my dykes SEMPER FI.

Dykes 1986: Darryl Winfield, Sheldon Johnson
1997: Keith Braxton
1998: Clark Twiddy

Noah L. Stoyko

C. E. / Army

Kid, Bubba

Woodbridge, VA

Oh' what a long road it has been. Sometimes I thought I could see the light and the end of the tunnel only to find out it was the train. But somehow I have survived through it all and of course there were a lot of people who helped me along this path that I have chosen. So thanks to God, MOM, Tony, Nick, Zenkers, Conklins, my grandparents, Jammer, Col. Page, Mullins and to everyone else I have not mentioned. Special thanks to my BR's and especially Matt, Mike, Greg, Slug and Chris. I couldn't have done it without you guys. I Love You. Now as my career at VMI is coming to an end I have taken the road less traveled by and the lesson of never give up. To Lia a special thanks I'm glad that I could spend my happiest years at VMI with you. I love you. To my late great-grandmother Lucille Higgins, thanks for watching over me. And last but not least to all of those who said I couldn't. I did it!

Dykes 1991: Tom McCrary
1997: John Morgan

High Crimes

against the State of...

Number One Club officers Godby, Bogaty and Ferriola contemplate their next crime and next drink.

Mind? Insanity? Even, dare we say Vir ginia? Yes, all of these and more. I many respects, this penalty transcend normal punishment. It is more akin to a badge an additional rigor, a test of an individual. 1 demerits, four months of barracks confinement and 60 penalty tours constitute a lengthly an difficult test. Men who are privileged with th alcohol endorsement to their #1 must also serv the dreaded condition of conduct probation an receive alcohol counseling. Penalty Numbe One is often the consequence for norma behaviour expected of a college student, grante other times it is given for actions a little out c the ordinary. The actions taken by the men o these pages are all a little wild, and in many c cases hilarious.

Cregan Howlan-CONVICTED: intentional disobedience to a direct order.

Ed Consolvo-CONVICTED: Speeding ticket in Lexington, while a third, not in car.

Rod Thompson-CONVICTED: Intoxicated in barracks (i.e. not drunk enough to get arrested returning from Spanky's)

Scott Southhall-CONVICTED improperly dressed on third stoo i.e. letting oneself out of the ratlin while under the influence, attire in garrison cover and black socks

Rick Franco—CONVICTED: Operation of Motor Vehicle in flagrant violation of the holy writ of the Blue Book.

James Griffin-CONVICTED For the cause of indulging in th natural state of a cadet attemp ing to cope with the Institut with the help of Mr's Walker an Daniels.

Todd Glasser-CONVICTED: Failure to invite TAC to after Taps 5th stoop cocktail party and depositing fifth of Southern Comfort and lunch on New Courtyard.

Jay Ferriola-CONVICTED: Destruction of institute property, i.e. helping a metal wall locker jump from the 4th stoop.

Jeff Godby-CONVICTED: #1 Club Officer; 1) Unauthorized particapation in a secret society, drunk in barracks, striking a cadet with a shaving cream can.

Mike Fellows-CONVICTED: International terrorism. (i.e. conducting unauthorized Jihad in barracks with fireworks

Dan Williams-CONVICTED: Alleged written Sexual Harrasment of a Virginia State Representative.

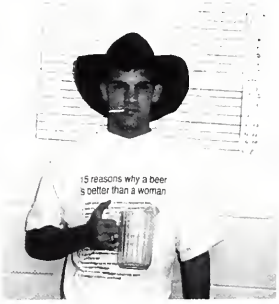
Ken Myers-CONVICTED: Attribute my alcohol #1 to MGD, fertilization of W&L grounds, and "BR" Swineford.

Justin "Weasel" Bogaty-CONVICTED: #1 Club Pres. 1) Rat Year, Intoxicated, Charter Member 5th Stoop Moonlight Sunbathing Society 2) Bonus Bone accepted for Dyke-Alcohol in Barracks

Buddy Meador-CONVICTED: Illegal use of holy water. Discovered by and spilled said water on Col. William's trousers.

Lee Grimes-CONVICTED: Unauthorized consumption of Nectar of the Gods while engaging in an enlightened discussion with TAC.

Mark Fulk-CONVICTED: For leaving a half full bottle under the desk and forgetting to change the room orderly card.

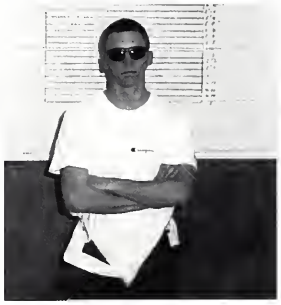


Frankie Haltom-CONVICTED: possesion of alcohol in room while the sun set and lighting up a smoke.

Chris Hartwell-CONVICTED: Partying in S. S. Hall; 1st annual DDS cocktail party, loud music and lots of whiskey.

Rich Pitchford-CONVICTED: Driving, in civies, abscence off post, while on confinement and intoxicated. Boning official: Officer F. W. Smith, Lexington PD.

Bob "The Stallion" Staley - CONVICTED: Consuming too much alcohol, in the ABSOLUTley wrong academic building.



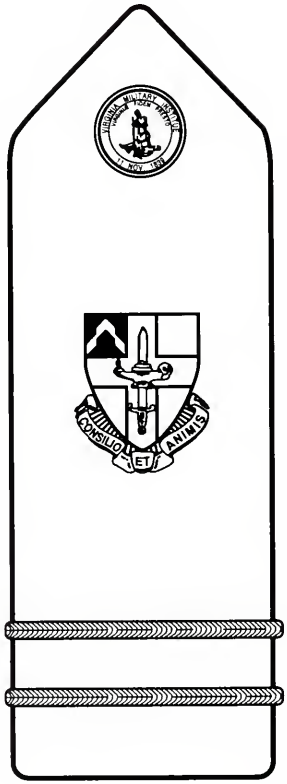
James Firnbach-CONVICTED: Consuming liquid nirvana while in the service of the state, at place of service.

Paul Hayes —CONVICTED: Overzealous use of celebratory liquids in last days of cadetship.

Class of

1996

Honor Brotherhood Pride



HATEVER YOU RESOLVE TO
"STONEWALL" JACKSO
U.S. ARMY

Life as Seconds

When we came back to the institute as second classmen we realized that things had changed a little bit over the summer. We had gone from being the enforcers of the ratline to the teachers of the rats. Our classes were difficult, which caused many more sleepless nights, but they were more in tune with our majors and they seemed more interesting. We had car privileges and thus spent very little time here on the weekends. We even had the anticipation of our Ring Figure on the way. Overall, though, we had a really great second class year (as good as it could be) and by the end of it we were ready to become first classmen and put the year of our Ring Figure behind us.

by Christopher D Noe

The "three musketeers" (Anthony Gray, Jim Johnson, and Chris Noe) in a lighter moment on the second stoop

John D. Adams
Vincent C. Adamson
Holm G. Ankoma-Sey
Christopher D. Antonelli
Michael D. Arendt
Andrew R. Armiger
Ethan R. Astor

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Gregory R. Bamford
Lawrence J. Barr
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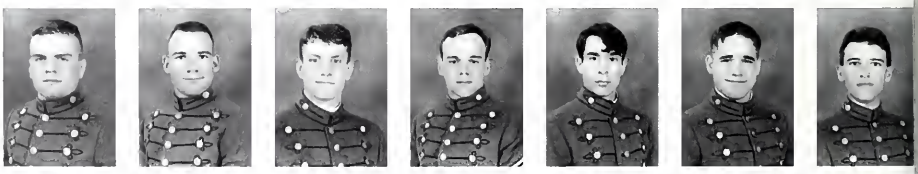
Brian W. Benken
Todd J. Bishop



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Matthew P. Bogusky
William M. Bollander
John Bong
Charles Bott
Jason R. Botterill

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Darren M. Braylo
Corrie S. Brice
Chris T. Brinkac
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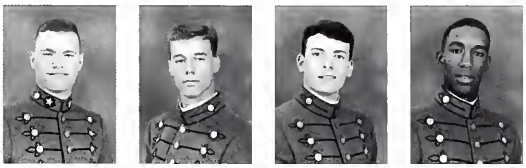
Johnathan L. Buchanan



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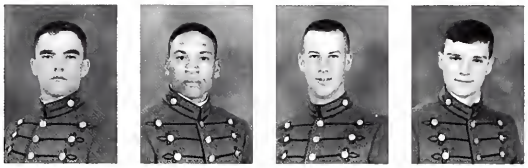

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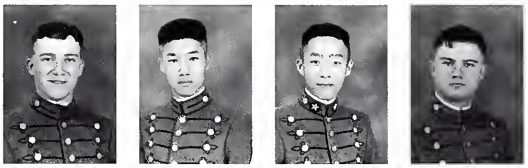
Maxime C. Castelyn



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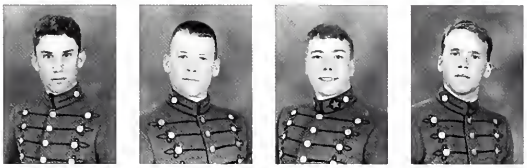
Jason D. Clendenin



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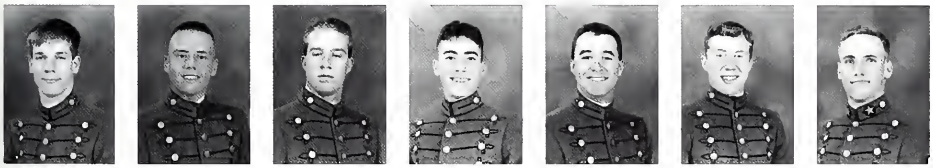

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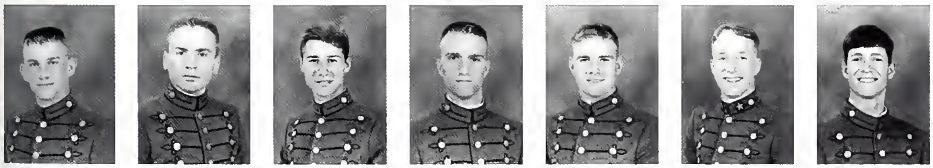

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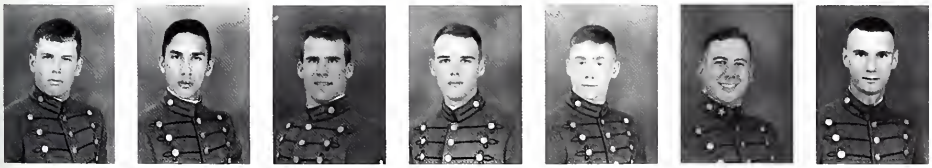

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Chad D. Foster
George E. Fountaine
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Lee C. Freeman
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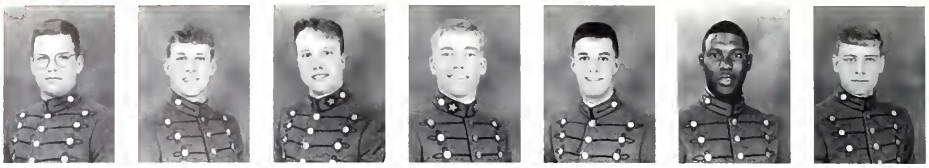

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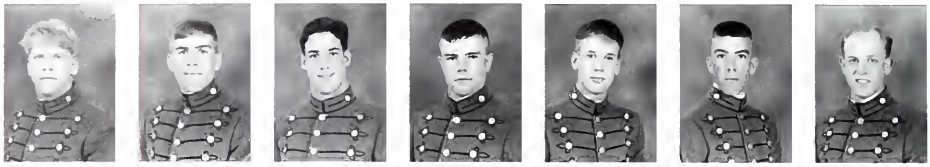

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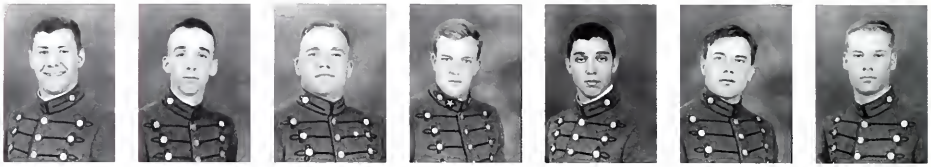

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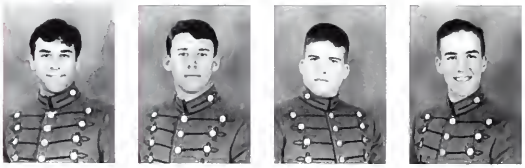

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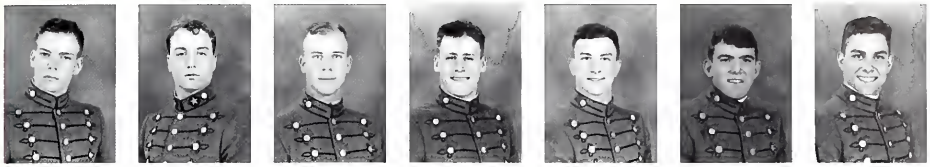

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Rickey Mattoso
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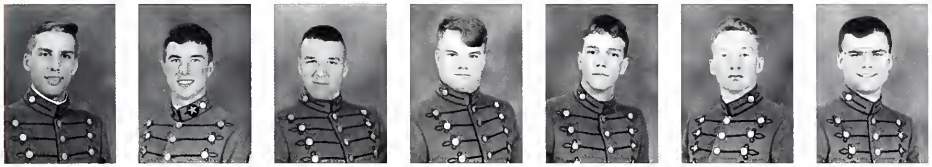

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Barron E. Mills
John P. Mills
Brian C. Mitchell
Barrett L. Morris
Phillip S. Morris
John F. Morrison

Top: In Cho supervises the guard team. Seconds are sometimes required to stand guard as SOG.
Bottom: Shannon Hume and Jim Tinguely cheer on the Keydets at a home football game.

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Antonio T. Napolitano
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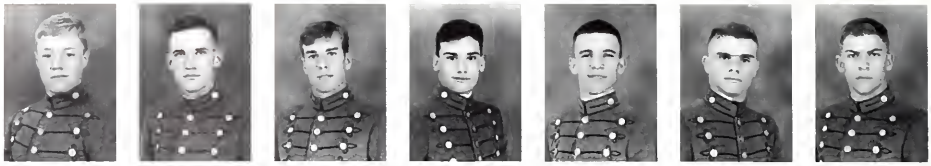
Michael A. Obadal



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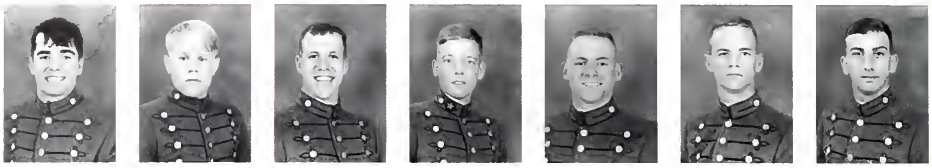

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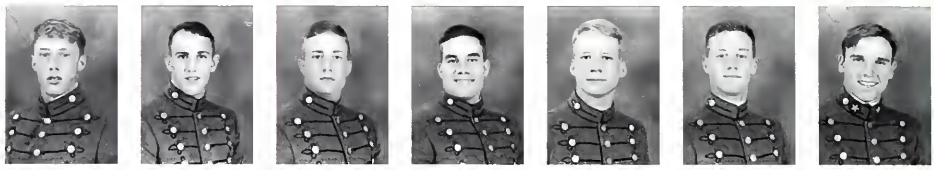

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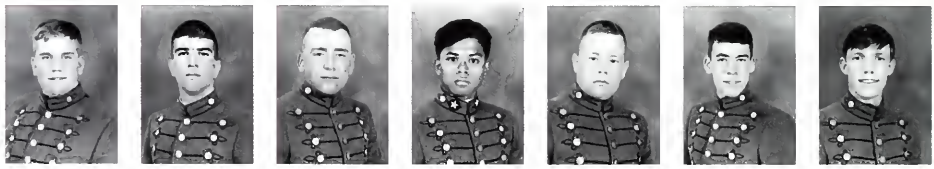

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Tom B. Song
William R. Stearman
Michael H. Stephens
Nathaniel R. Straub
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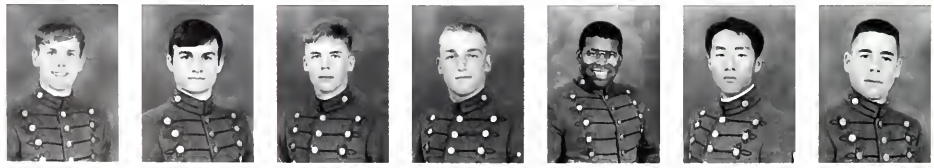

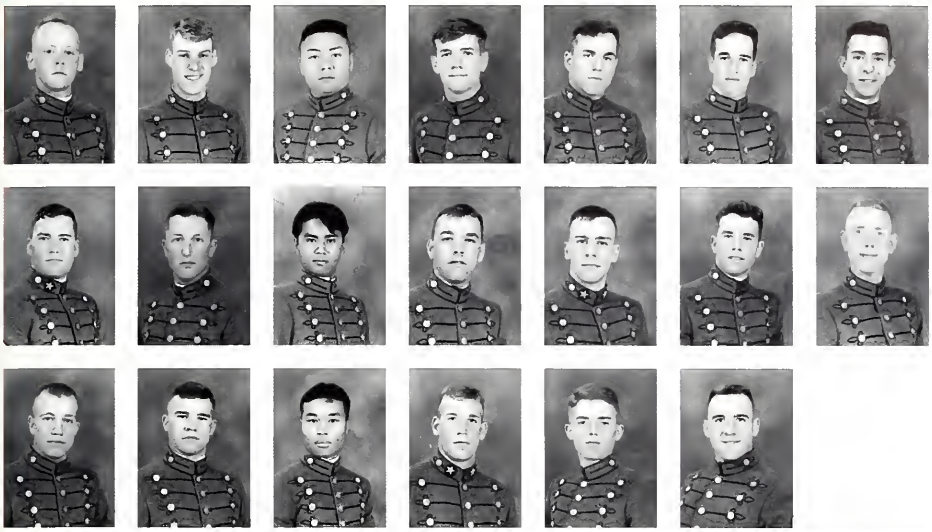

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James Warf
Christopher Watson
Clifford Weddington
Geoffrey R. Weidner

Vernon C. Wilkens
Matthew L. Williamson
Phetsavanh Xayavong
Jamie M. Yoxtheimer
Paul A. Zackrison
James L. Zepko

Graduating Second Classmen

Harri K. Humaloja
Jamsa, Finland
International Studies/Army

Lutheran Student Union 4, 3, 2; Rat Challenge 4, 3; Tanker Platoon 4, 3, 2; Arnold AirSociety 4; Ice Hockey 3, 2; VMI Aviators 2; International Relations Club 4, 2; Institute Honors 2

For me VMI has been a leap of faith. Nothing has ever been sure about the future except the hard work needed to succeed, but together with God's help my dedication has been enough and I have prevailed along with my Brother Rats. VMI proved to be right for me, and I proved to be right for VMI.

As I now finish me venture on the "road less taken", I look back to my cadetship with satisfaction and gratitude: satisfaction in that I have achieved a very important goal in my life in a way that suprised me, for I have become what I resolved to be. And I also feel gratitude towards the VMI family, members of which have given me the chance to finish my journey and to become part of it. I will do my best to bring honor to this familyu and to help those who will do the same in the future. Despite all the celebration, I still feel sad to depart from you all, my Brother Rats. Soon enough we all will have to go our own separate ways. However, it is the brotherhood of the Class of 1996 that will remain as solid as ever. Brother Rats, next year will be your best one at VMI, so enjoy it and keep the traditions of our dykes alive!

Dykes:

1993- Heath Bono
1998- James Milliron

Joseph M. Santarsieri
Richmond, Virginia
Biology/Special Student

Glee club 4,3; Boxing 2; Cpl. 3; Weekend club 3,2

Wow! The time sure did fly by. As many of us who enter Jackson Arch cocky and confident; most leave with direction. VMI blends challenges, struggles, and good times into what may be called an "Emotional Roller Coaster." Believe me, I've gone on and off this ride a few times. Now its time for me to get outta this amusement park; while I'll take with me the learning, growing, and happy experiences. Thank God, my mom and dad, my roommates-Ken and Kevin, and my fiancee Claudine, for putting up with me! What a long, strange trip its been. I'll be back soon-only to visit!!! Greg "No Problem" Moseley, can't wait to come back and witness your success-Good Luck!

Dykes:

1993- Rusty Smith
1998-Greg Moseley
— David Edens

RING

FIGURE

To Wear

It all began a long time ago, when our class president asked who would be interested in helping with our future "class project", Ring Figure. To think about it then, ring figure meant something that was going to happen for the second class (sorry fellas). My ring figure was a third class VMI year away from being a reality. We all had to pass our academic ratline to get to it.

Where do you start for ring figure preparations a year before ring figure? You elect treasurers, TCFC chairmen, and Ring Figure chairmen. You find out who's willing to help them. You need good guys, who aren't afraid to work, who will answer incessant questions without any pats on the back or recognition, and who will only work for what's truly in the "best interest" of the class. We chose ours extremely well. Since then we collected class dues for one of the single most expensive parties in the nation. As a class, 1996 has sold T-shirts, put on one heck of a good party with a very good band (The Connells), and begged in the streets for alms. Well, maybe that last one was a little far-fetched, but the class of 1996 was

Above: RGT SGM Rusty McGuire marches his staff to the Ring Figure parade

Above: Paul Zackrison hangs out at the tent party.

Above: '96 once again climbed the smokestack, but this time was to show the world who was in charge during Ring Figure weekend.

The Ring

definitely ready for Ring Figure.

We practiced our march-in. Our mothers and fathers and grandparents and uncles and cousins all knew the order better than we did. Impossible! The order of what would happen was imprinted on the mind of every second classmen. First the presentation, then the dance, then.....parties! Where to go? What to do in a weekend where every one becomes a mass again. I know it's silly to revert back to being a living, breathing, throng, but come Ring Figure that's what we did. And wasn't it great to have all the concentrated power of a class again.

With their rings, the class of 1996 can do anything. Nothing stands in their way. Want to slow down ring figure or, God forbid, try and stop it? The world didn't have the strength. Look out, here comes 1996. They're all smiling.

by Christopher J. Mulligan

Above: BRs and their dates in a lighter moment in the ring.

Above: One of the unique things about Ring Figure '96 was the fireworks show that followed the ring presentation.

Above: Scott Shropshire, RFC, hangs out with BRs at the dinner on Sunday night. Scott and his staff masterminded all of the events that took place during Ring Figure.

Ring Figure Committee

The Ring Figure Committee is the group of men from the second class that puts Ring Figure together. This year was no exception. Scott Shropshire, RFC chairman, spent many hours giving he and his staff several thousand jobs to be done before the big date. From coordinating the ring presentation to making sure that everyone in the class had some sort of a clue what was going on in Cocke Hall, the 1996 RFC kept themselves very busy throughout third class and the beginning of second class years.

by Christopher D. Noe

TCFC '96

TCFC is the committee that finances Ring Figure. Karl Renne, the '96 chairman, did many different money raising schemes. One of those was the Connells concert. Granted it was a great idea, the class did lose a little bit of money on it. But, that did not slow down Karl's money making. It just gave him more incentive to raise money. We sold T-shirts, programs at football games, Ring Figure cups, and more T-shirts. Ring Figure went off well due to Karl and anybody in the class that worked for him. TCFC '96 continued to raise money until they handed the job over to TCFC '97.

by Christopher D. Noe

Above: Brian Smith and Joe Escalante hang out at the tent party with their Ring Figure cups.

Above: Signs of the class were all over post on Saturday night before the dance in Cocke Hall.

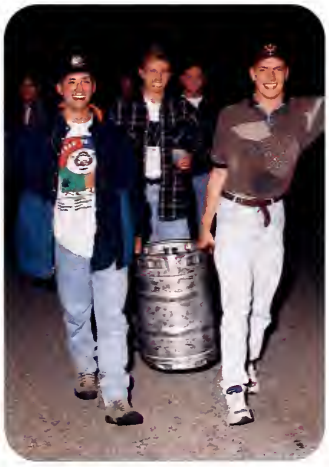
Above: Weeks before Ring Figure the class painted the ring on the second stoop at sally port.

Honorary BR

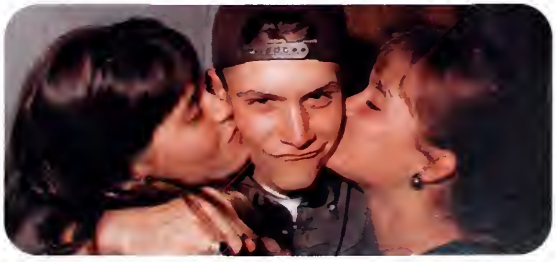
Left: Major Moore receiving his ring from Major General Knapp.
Right: Major and Mrs. Moore.

Major Roy D. Moore, United States Air Force ROTC instructor, was chosen as the Class of 1996 honorary Brother Rat. Major Moore came to VMI to see "real" college life, since he attended the United States Air Force Academy, but he admits that he hasn't seen it yet. When he arrived at VMI, he was intrigued by the spartan living conditions, but he acknowledges that this is all in keeping with tradition. Major Moore comes to Lexington with a wife and one son, and June of 1995 will be his twelfth year in the Air Force. During the Ratline, Major Moore commented that although he was an interested observer in the activities, he could sense the cohesiveness that was formed. He remarked on the prepping he got from '93 and also the stitches he got from them during breakout. We hope it was worth it. Welcome to the Brotherhood!

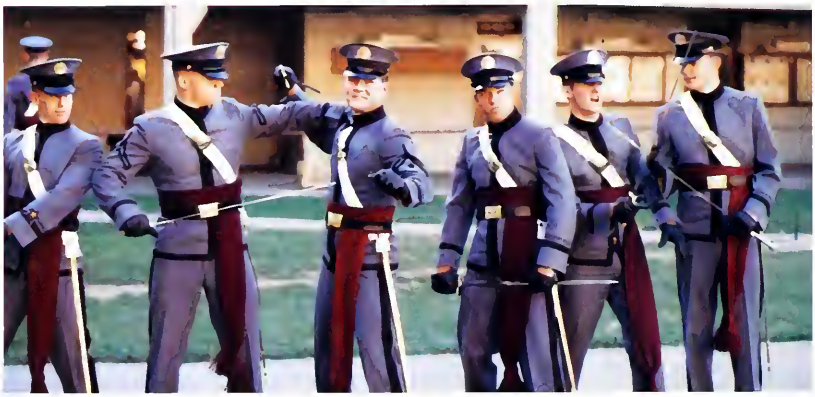
By J. Scott Lantz



Above: We even had a cameo appearance by SGM Hockaday at the Sunday evening dinner.



Above: Lawrence Barr handles the Ring Figure three-legged stool (ring, beer, and women) extremely well.



Above: Mike Waltz's battalion staff shows their extreme discipline before the Ring Figure parade.

Above: One of the many things that must be done before Ring Figure is painting the ring on the wall at second stoop sally port.
Above Right: Louie Napoleon and his date get a bite to eat at the pig roast.

Above: Band Company passes in review at the Ring Figure parade on Friday.
Below: Mark Carter and his date.

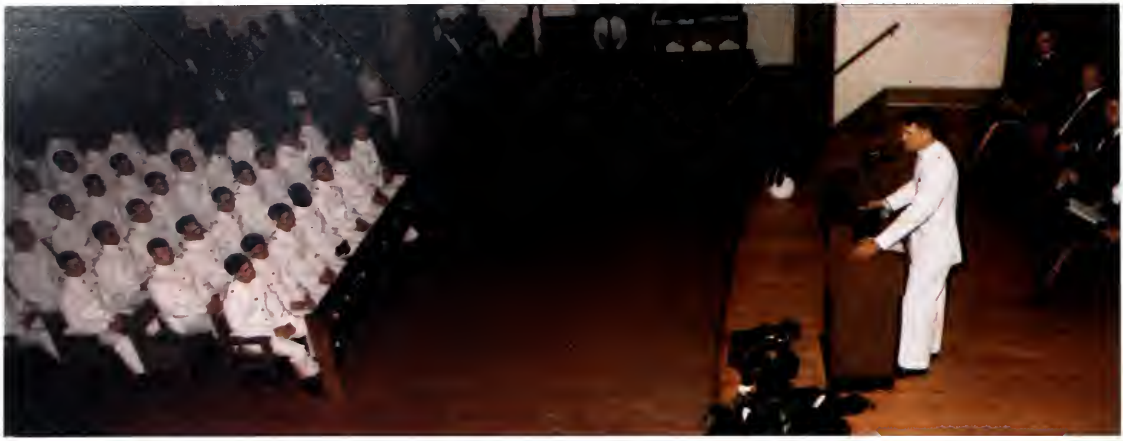
Top: Jason Malo and Scott Henderson, acoustic band. This was their first stop of their long tour across the suburban United States.
Above: These two fine upstanding young men would never think of doing anything crazy like climbing the smokestack.

1996

Above: Hop and Floor spent many hours setting up for Ring Figure in Cocke Hall.

Above: NO! They are not sober!

Ring Presentation



The Figure

Cadets and Their Ladies

John Adams
Miss Lisa Tuck

Cassel Adamson III
Miss Lorraine Diane Parotti

Philip Alicea
Miss Cynthia L. Ford

Holm Ankoma-Sey
Miss Nichole D Ligon

Chris Antonelli
Miss Amy Conroy

Michael Arendt
Miss Ashley Nicole Brown

Andrew Armiger
Miss Emily Lescelt

Matthew Bahen
Miss Nicole Purcell-Chancey

Gregory Bamford
Miss Erin Bissell

Lawrence Barr
Miss Heather Louise Taylor

Douglas Bartlett
Miss Jennifer Tidball

James Bartosik
Miss Lori Eoch

Kerry Bates
Miss Jennifer Woody

Nick Belesimo
Miss Whitney Boyd

David Belfiore
Miss Racquel Dawson

Brian Benken
Miss Courtney Lee

Todd Bishop
Miss Kathryn J. Duffy

Theodore Black
Miss Duffy L. Winslow

Timothy Blackburn
Miss Estelle Johnston

Matthew Bogusky
Miss Kimberly Fedzuick

William Bollander
Miss Cynthia Anne Wooster

John Bong
Miss Tina Nielson

Charles Bott
Miss Kristie Finney

Jason Botterill
Miss Marguerite Anne Rupoio

Jeffery Bradford
Miss Cindy Urban

Darren Braylo
Miss Elizabeth Watson

Corrie Brice
Miss Dianna L Ruley

Chris Brinkac
Miss Aimee Shepard

Joe Brockman
Miss Mary Brown Broughton

John Buchanan
Miss Krystyn Schelk

Wyndham Buerlein
Miss Emily J Nelson

Mike Burchik
Miss Mary Kay Williams

Brad Burrus
Miss Tracy McCoy

Howard Byrd

Shawn Callahan
Miss Kelly K Prosser

Cedric Canada
Miss Carlette Smith

Mark Carter
Miss April Lowe Beaufield

Abram Charlton
Miss Victoria Dorothey Bredoff

Yong Chong
Miss Kelly Lee

Christopher Cofer

Jeff Collier

Joseph Craddock
Miss Christine Kelney

Brady Crone
Miss Sara Jarvis

Thomas Danielsen
Miss Lisa O'Donnell

Robert Deeds
Miss Amber Kirtish

Paul Dickinson
Miss Julie Raymer

Frank Dingle
Miss Cindy Thomas

John Dwyer

Christopher Eddy
Miss Anna Camden

James Edge
Miss Krissy Poe

Dave Ellsworth
Miss Tina Anderson

Mark Emick
Miss Chastity Carter

Lawson Fanney

Barton Filipiak
Kristina Forkun

Alastair Findeis
Miss Elizabeth L Fabrizio

James Flaherty
Miss Tisha Rowe

Brian Forrest
Miss Kendra Caswell

Chad Foster
Miss Susan G Cooley

Lee Freeman

Travis George
Miss Camille G Stewart

Chad Gill
Miss Virginia Barrett Chalkley

Peter Gillespie
Miss Marilyn Chambers

John-Amory Glaccum
Miss Nicole Marie DiFabio

Brian Gliba
Miss Kelly R Lovich

Ryan Glynn
Miss Kelly A Bobb

Anthony Gray
Miss Jessica Faith Pontero

Johnathan Gray
Miss Jill Buchmann

Lawrence Gullette

Andrew Haney
Gretchen Flynn

Thomas Hart
Miss Tracy Demarest

Ron Heimberg
Miss Jackie Baker

Matthew Holland
Miss Suzanne Renee' Tolley

Stewart Holt
Miss Alison Leigh Archer

Travis Hughes
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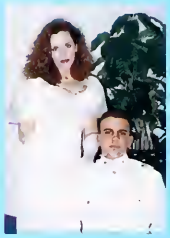
Harri Humaloja
Miss Armelle Fox

Shannon Hume
Miss Christina M Colling



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Miss Carol-Elizabeth Henderson

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Miss Susanne Vasko

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Joshua Keesal
Miss Laurie B Wahl

Darren Kirby
Miss Tobi Shannon Loyd

Richard Kozak
Miss Mimi H Chang

Keith Kruelski
Miss Natalie Berger

Robert Blake Lackey
Miss Stacie Marie Brand

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Miss Yu-Fang

Dat Lam
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Craig Lutterbie
Miss Kristin R Alexander

Kevin Mable
Miss Michelle Williams

Lawrence Machabee
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Carter Mackey
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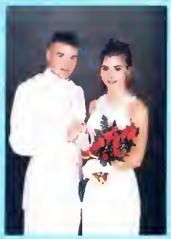

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Miss Michelle Lynn Stone

Matt Modarelli
Miss Diane Flint

Major and Mrs Roy Moore

Russell Moore
Miss Courtney Cummings

Barrett Morris
Miss Amy F Wilson

Phillip Morris
Miss Tammie A Coghill

John Morrison
Miss Holly Newcomb

Jeffrey Mozgala
Miss Lesley Warwick

C J Mulligan
Miss Karen Mathiesf

Louis Napoleon
Miss Ashley L Brown

Antonio Napolitano
Miss Julie D Pearson

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Larry Osborne

Karl Painter
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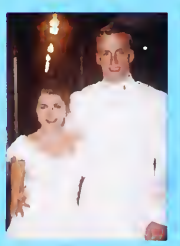

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William Richardson
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John Ripley
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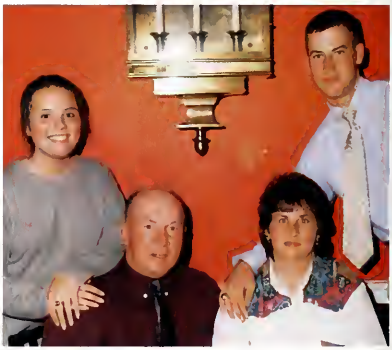
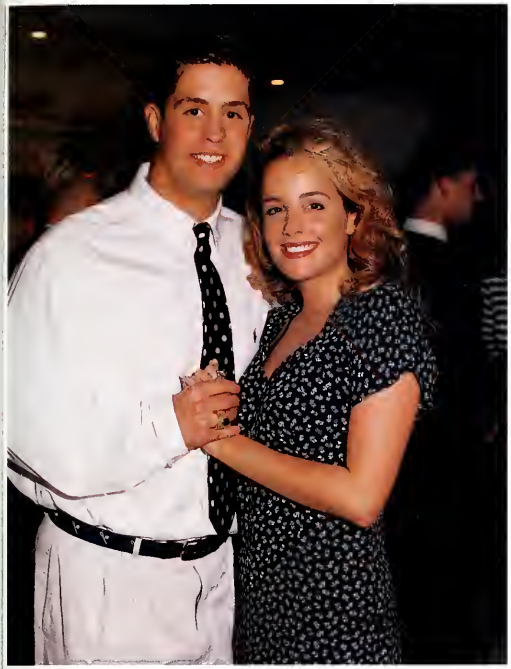




"My name is Stew Holt and I want this ring"

Pepsi

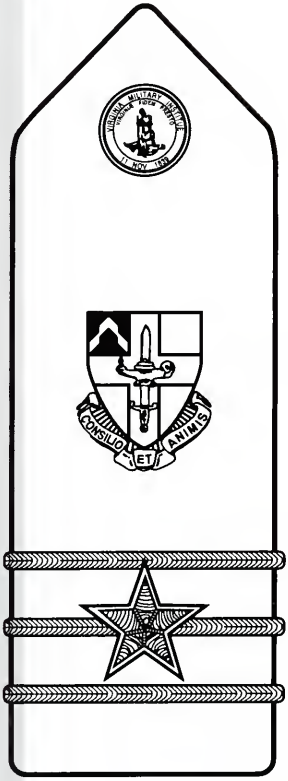
LATSI

When I asked Tim Collier at the end of the '94 school year if I could do our Ring Figure Magazine in the '95 Bomb I thought that it would be a difficult job, but I had no idea what I was in for. As you can see, we finished it. Granted, it may not be the most formal publication this institute has ever seen, but then again neither was Ring Figure '96. I would never been able to complete this section if it wasn't for the help of Ken Mears, Kevin Mable, Scott Lantz, Paul Zackrison, John-Amory Glaccum, and most of all C.J. Mulligan, my roommate, who had to listen to me complain about everything under the sun. I must say that Ring Figure overall was a success and I thank my VPKs for their cooperation in our effort to put it all into these 32 pages.

Christopher D. Noe
Ring Figure Section editor

Class of 1997

The Class With The Flask



(Above) Locks on the drawers? Maybe not such a bad idea in this room!

(Below) Chad Bigelow, Chris Strock, Paul Bickford and Ron Ferguson make a toast to the spirit of the football team - and to the hope that they don't get caught!

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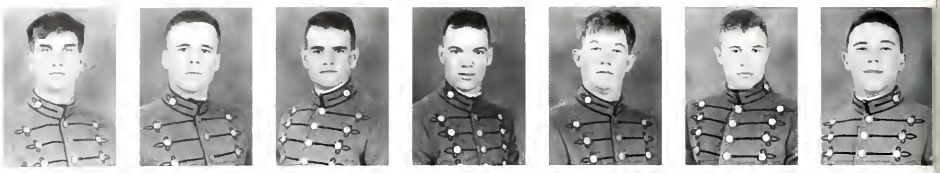
Ancarrow JW
Atkins FB
Auginbaugh BE
Ayers CE
Back JB
Bade JA



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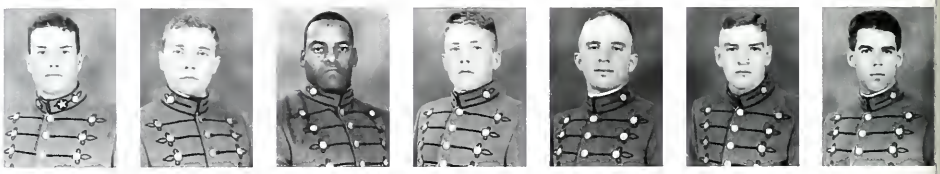

Right: The excitement portrayed by the third class is a breathtaking spectacle for all!

Left: Ed and Newt show us how to "be all we can be."

BARRACKS LIFE

Inside the walls of the prison-like fortress which we call barracks, men who represent the ideals of honor, pride, and dignity let loose and enjoy the closest thing they can get to a taste of "the real life." The third class always makes a sincere effort to imitate a setting which they can call home. If this is what home is like, some of us need help!

Below: Jason Bade, Chris Hobbs, John Newton, Dave Cooper and Matt McGuire break to render proper respects to the stars and bars.

(Above) Need a light? Donny Haseltine offers Dave Witherspoon some help with his smoke.

John Jenkins (left) asks the unanswered riddle on the third stoop - no toilet paper; now what?

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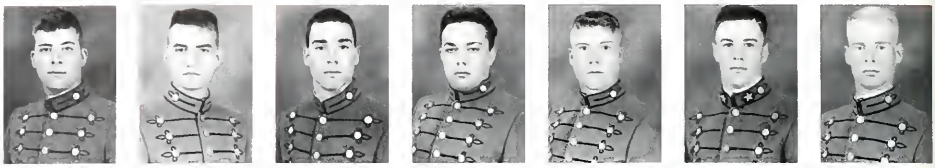

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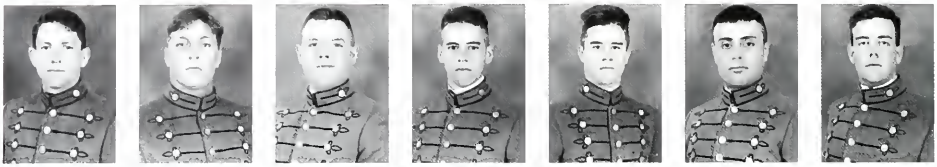

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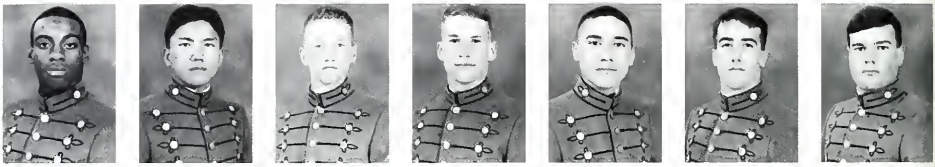

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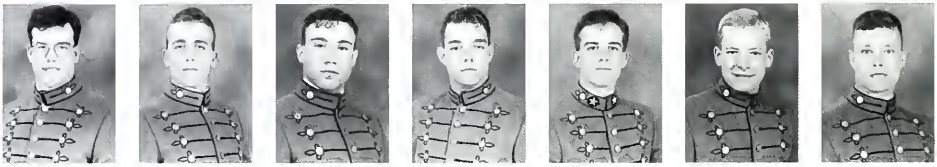

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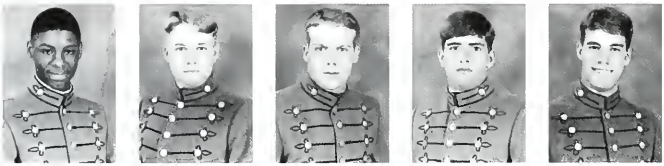


Above: Ed Bonham and another fine hop queen: proof that we'll do almost anything to get off post for a few drinks!

HARDCORE!

Above: Taylor Edwards gives us his best G.I. Joe impression.

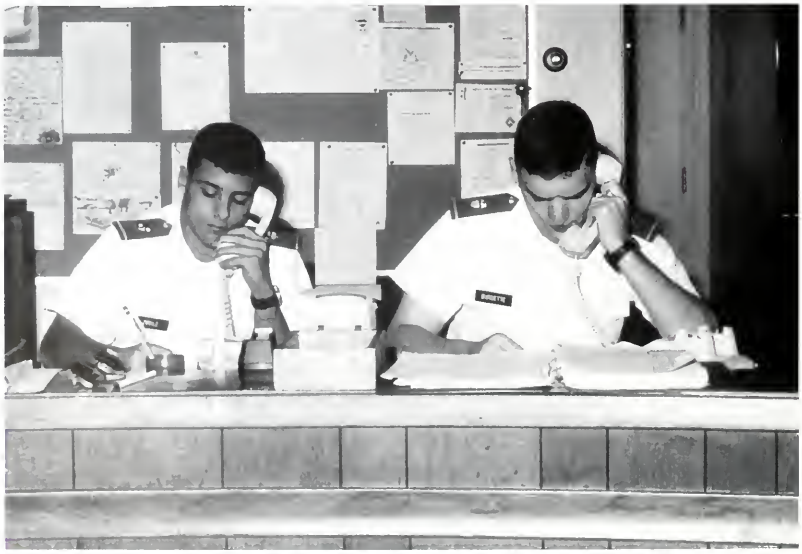
Above: John Duckworth and Francis Buser enjoy each other's company with a fine cigar.

Above: Mario Lorenzato adds even more intimidation for the rats during their workouts: look out Arnold!

Above: Matt Perry shows off his battle scars after a hard day's work on the rugby field - but you should have seen the other guy!

Above: Leadership by example: Addison Hagan and Trip Costen prove that even the G.C. can let loose and party once in a while.

Above: "Woody" seems very happy about his date and their plans for the evening!



Left: Mike Zirkle and Dale Burdette look real happy about their career training course in Lejeune Hall.

Above: Chris Berger smiles big while Paul Bickford teaches us how to "get vertical with BREW!"

Above: David Witherspoon pours away his worries in his room.

Above: Matt Brown knows very well what "the morning after" feels like.

Left: A few beers and a cheap hotel is all the Third Class needs to be satisfied!

Fix DR
Freer MJ
Gagliardi PW
Garza JM Jr.
Gaulding GE
Gregory DB
Grogan SE

Gruse JK
Guarin MM
Hagan JA IV
Hall WD
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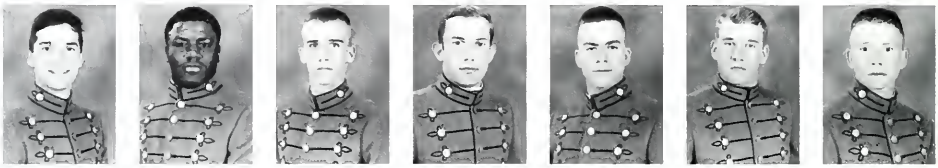

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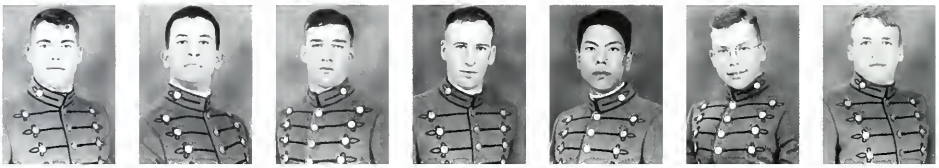

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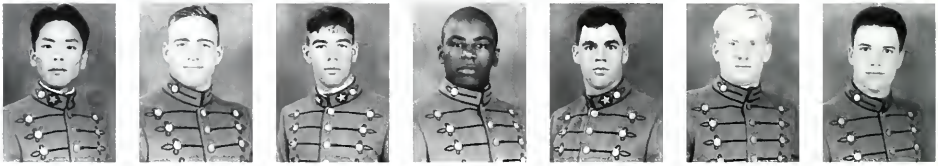

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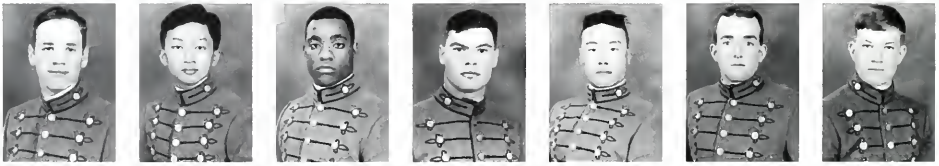

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LaMountain WT
Letts AP

Linderman ML
Lloyd KE
Lorenzato MD
Martin BC
Martin PW
Martin WR
Matthew JP

Our Story...

)n 15 August 1993, three-hundred and ;xty-one high school graduates matric-ılated through Cameron Hall, leaving riends and family behind. We walked hrough Jackson Arch on that proverbi-l "road less travelled," starting the jurney to become VMI men. Together ve have struggled through the hard-nips of the VMI ratline as well as the sinine policies of the administration. Through these trials, we have bonded s a group of friends and a class of men hat the "I" will not soon forget. What nakes our class different is our unique ttitude. We have learned to value the londs forged between us over the vast lmitations that are put upon us by the 'powers that be." Due to these pseudo-lings and their stringent disciplinary policies, our casualties have increased n number over the past year, leaving ur class with only two-hundred and brty-four brother rats. Even though ur class is the smallest in barracks, our leart is the largest, and our will to ucceed is unmatched by any other oop in barracks. This is why the class f 1997 will leave it's battle-scar on this hstitute for years to come. I think our lass motto sums up our temperament: 'You may drink whatever you resolve o drink!"

Ralph L. Costen III
Historian, 3rd class
1997

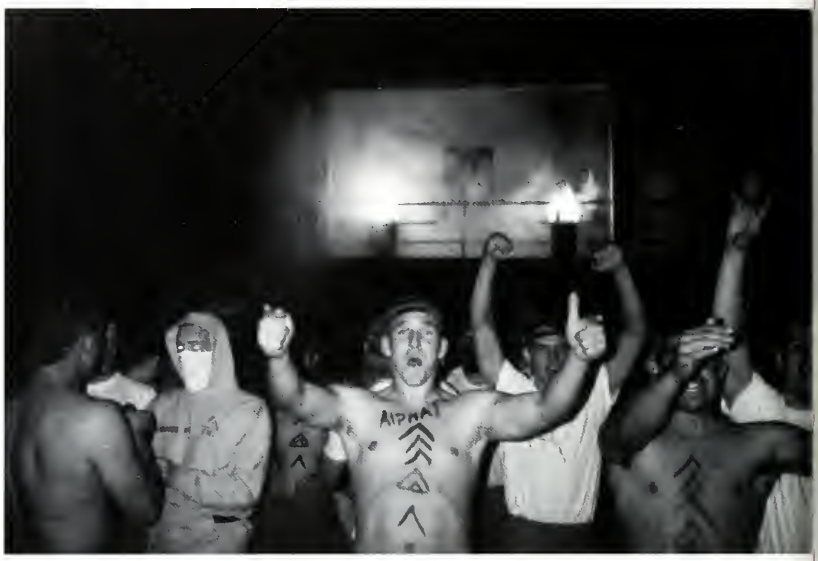
(Above) Justin Chezem knows how to have a good time no matter who the company might be.

(Above) Hey, can't find a date? Taylor Edwards and 'Ferg' say, "Make do with what you've got, B.R.'s!"

The Good Ol' Days: Reminiscing on Yesteryear

It wasn't too long ago that the mass of 1994+3 became what we are today, but it took a lot of sweat and tears to get here. The rat line was filled with ups and downs (mostly downs), but we made it through together. Now we look back and laugh about memories which are permanently imbedded in our minds. Recalling those never-ending days of workouts, RDC meetings, sweat parties and breakout don't seem all that bad anymore. In fact, some of those days are those which we will remember as the best days of our lives.

Kevin J. Vallerie
3rd class editor



Above: Fire; What fire? Pep rallies were a time for letting loose and blowing of some steam - no matter what the cost!

Above: If there was no pep rally scheduled, the local garage band could always be found practicing in room 429.

bove: Even as rats, we sure knew how to party and have a good time - and usually ot get caught!

bove: Sometimes, though, our idea of a good time was a little twisted, but we still ad fun - just ungag and ask Brett Springer.

Above: This was NOT a good time, but it was well worth it (above). RDC meetings were fun; that is, as long as you enjoy pain (left)! The class of '97 is remembered best for it's creative hair styles (below).

McCormick DS
McCoy JB
McGuire WM
McKenna MJ
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Middough JL

Minor RT
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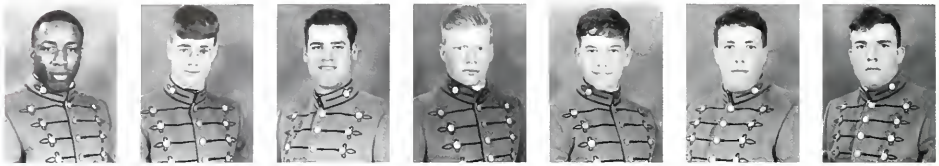

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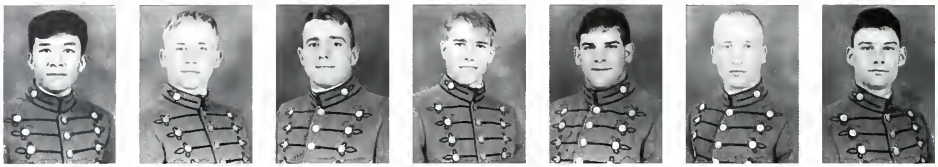

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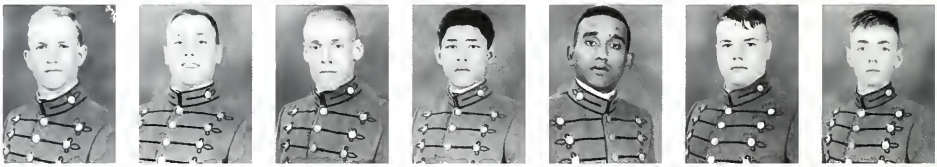

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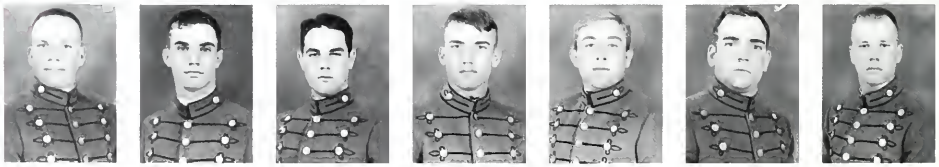

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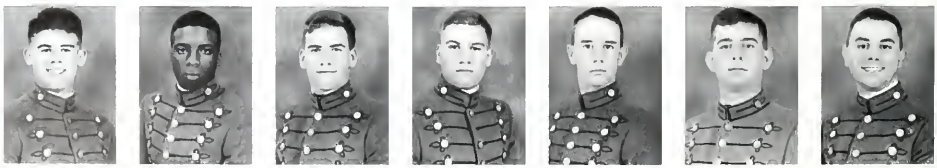

Shawaryn BP
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Shifflett CM
Short DR
Shy JR
Slemp NS
Smith AB

A Third Of the Time. . .

(Above) Parade time is party time: everybody loves parades!

(Above) Max Hopkins, Bill O'Donnell, Jeff Staub and Stu Walters - roommates who live for the chance to shaving cream a rat during a pep rally.

(Above) Richard Dixon firmly yet professionally corrects a rat who is unsure of his deficiencies.

Ahhh! Life on the third stoop. Returning to see all those familiar faces. Brother Rats who were so quiet during the "hard" times, have a renewed vigor and zest for life that can only be seen in such places as Sally Port. Some of us have returned with new tattoos, beer bellies and other badges of honor that will go unmentioned. What is really important though, is the fact that the class of '97 returned with an attitude of leadership. Looking back at the times that we've had together on this such highly revered stoop, it is going to be real tough to leave it. I think most will agree that it will be as hard as leaving the sacred fourth stoop. Some guys come up to me and say, "Hey, don't you hate being a third," and I say with pride when looking at such bastion-like leaders of our class like Paul Bickford and Willie Stagg, "Heck no! Life couldn't better for us, you don't know what you're missin' !"

— John Tyler Newton

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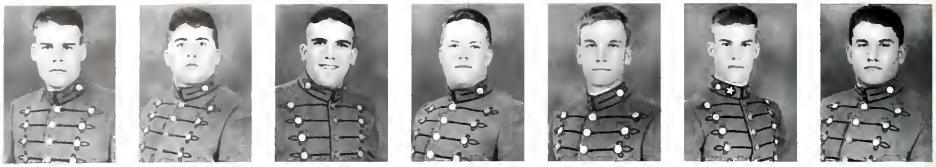

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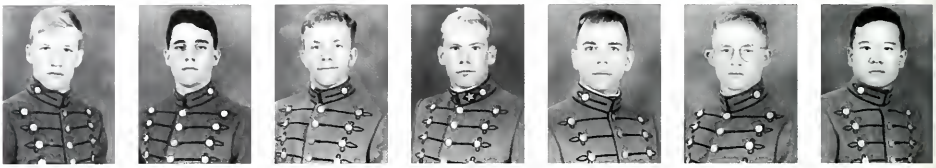

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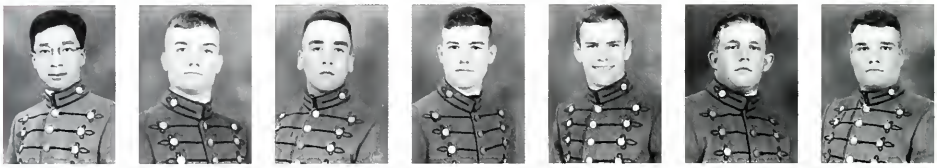

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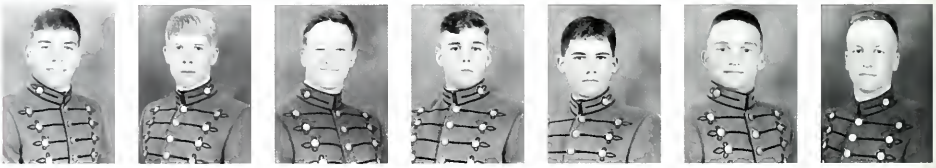

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Wrenn JC Jr.
Young NM
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Zirkle DW
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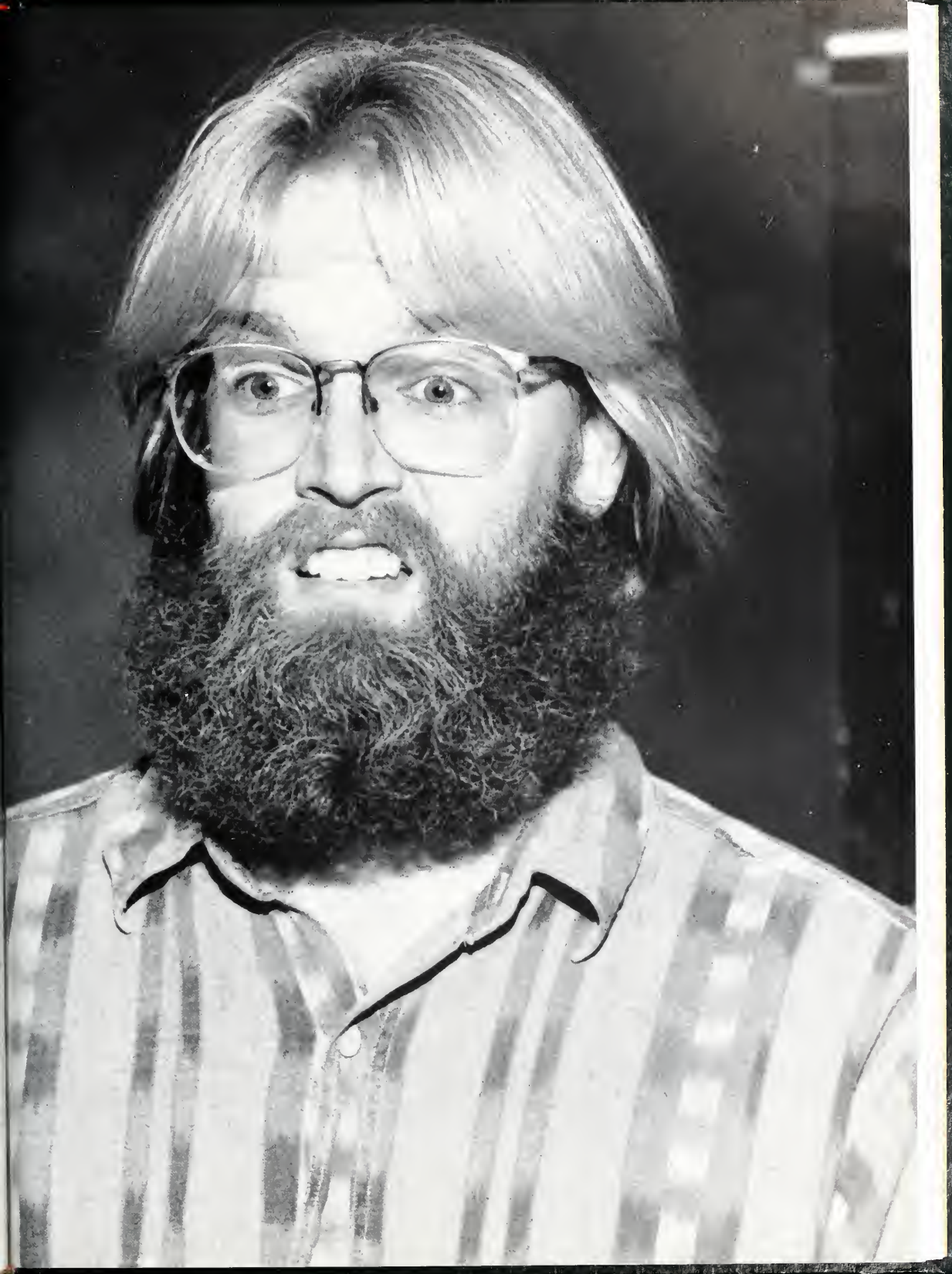
Zoffuto PW

VMI 1997: Smallest Class Biggest Family

Above: The Class of 1997 shows that friends stick together, and no matter what happens, we're always there for each other through good and bad; just a small part of the VMI family.

What the Hell??!!?!? I need a haircut and a shave! I'm not a third, I'm the photographer!



Mass of 1995 + 3

Soon to be a Class. . .

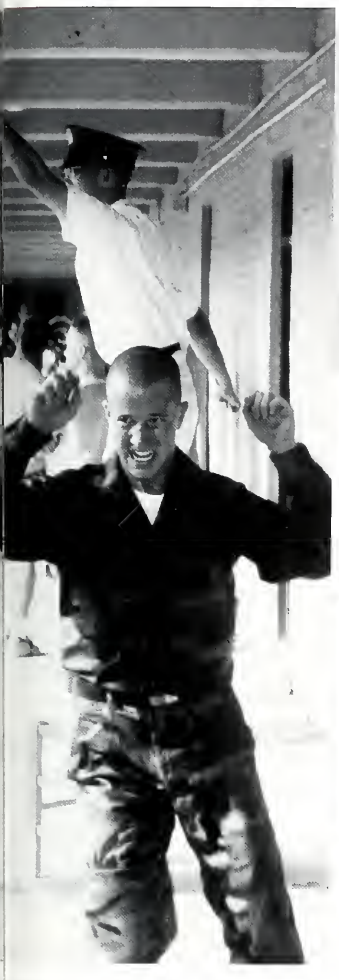
These Rats relax at a hop, cadre week forgotten for the moment.

Rats, meet the cadre!

Above: Standing at the entrence to Cocke Hall on the 19th of August, the rat mass of 95+3 prepares for 'Hell Night'

Above: Stowing the last of our civilian clothes away in the trunk room

Below: Here Brother Rat Halsey gets a bit of advice from Echo Company Corporal Belenky in the Concourse



Above: The weekends around VMI can sometimes be a little 'different' than the weekdays

Above: Marching in through Marshall Arch on that fateful Wedensday to meet our Cadre

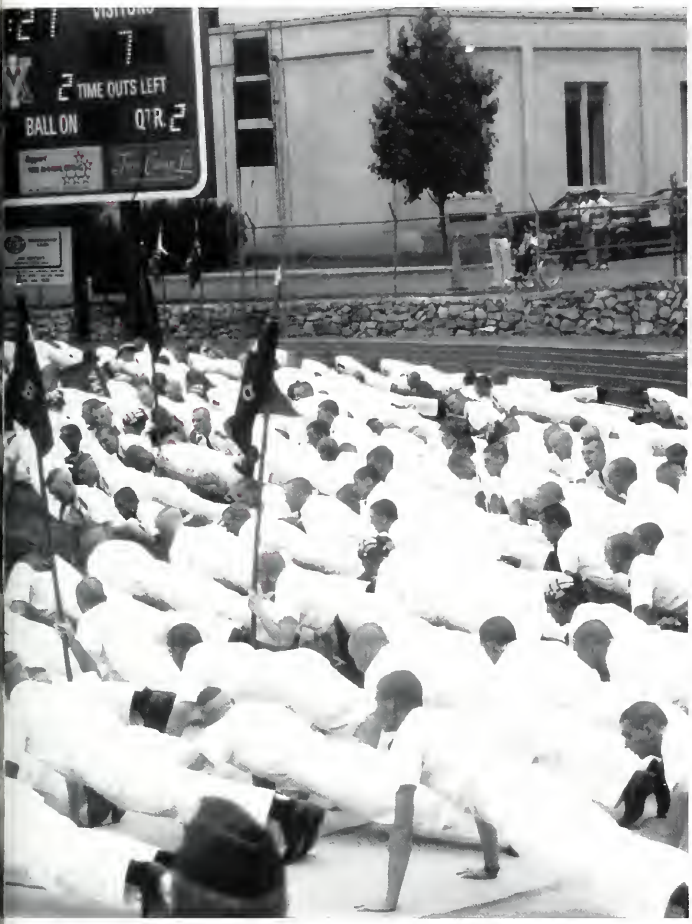
Below: George Ashman sits in his room for the last time in civilian clothes

The Class of '98, the Future of VMI

On August 17th, the future class of 1998 walked through Marshall arch as young men. Soon afterwards we met our Cadre, who would teach us much about the way of life at the Institute. We were now Rats, the lowest form of life there is. As Rats, we soon learned that life was very strenuous, and very physical. Throughout Cadre week we were tested both mentally and physically. Some could not handle it, and were forced to leave. We lost a few more Brother Rats due to academics or other personal reasons. For those that survived the rat line, made it through all the sweat parties, and through the Dark Ages, it was worth it. The RDC president stated, "Though it is hard to follow the rewards of completeing this path are tenfold." I think that we would all agree with this staement, due to the rewards that will be available to us. In three years we will be the leaders of the Instititue. We will be the first class, and will administer our own rat line. We are tomorrow's leaders, and it all started when we signed the book that all of the other great men that graduated from the Virginia Military Institute. We are now a class, and we must start acting like a class, looking out for one another, and helping each other out. Next year we will be the third class, and we won't have our dykes to look out for us, and help us. It will be up to us to take care of our own problems, as a class. Class of '98 — the best class in barracks for a long time!

By: John Getgood

Below: Another company passes into barracks, after parting from friends and family



(Above) Rat Bonifacio from Band Co. sports the new gym dyke uniform

(Left) One of the few times that a rat actually wants to do push-ups

(Below) A familiar sight to all rats — House Mountain

(Left) Uncovering, Bravo Company shows off their slightly receding hair line

From a Rat Mass to the Class of 1998

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David G. Alexander
Edward M. Allen III
Matthew J. Allshouse

Jesse A. Althouse
Adam R. Anders
Michael T. Angelicchio
Bradley C. Arnold
Jonathan D. Atkins
Marc J. Austin

Bryan E. Bailey
Patrick R. Baker
Paul C. Balassa
Regam M. Baldwin
Brook W. Barbour
Kristian A. Barnett

Stefan R. Barr
David A. Bates
Joseph L. Bates
Mike J. Bauman
Mike O. Baumann
Andrew W. Beaman

Jabarr D. Bean
William M. Beard
William J. Beason
Joseph W. Beckman
Chales J. Beirne
Jason E. Bell

David M. Benedick
Bart M. Berns
Timothy J. Berry
Matthew J. Bertsch
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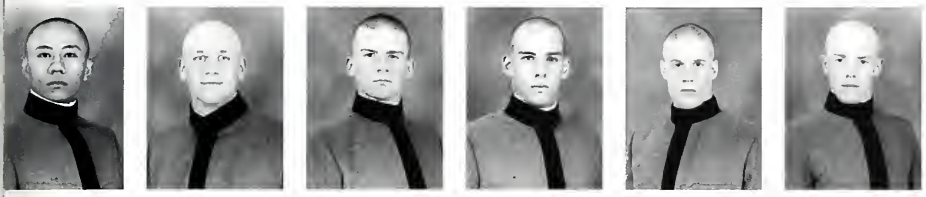

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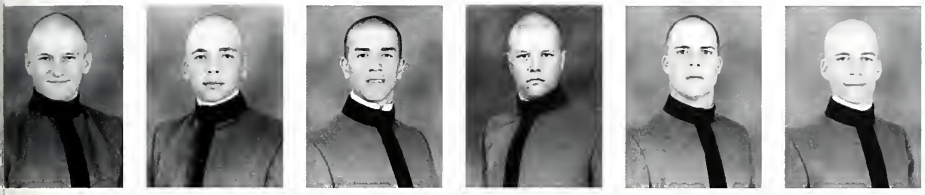

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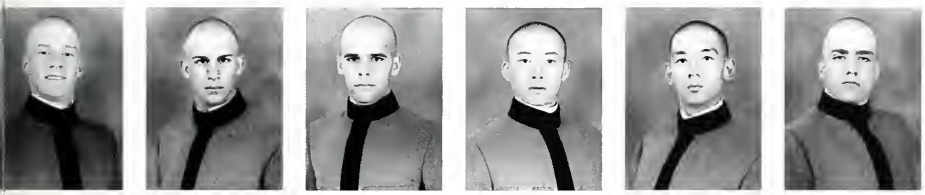

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Marc P. Clemente
Brad E. Cock
John D. Cocke

Matthew T. Comstock
Bradley R. Cooke
Kenneth T. Cooke
Kelly M. Coole
Ben H. Cox
Mark R. Cox

Christian D. Craft
Jason A. Crowder
Brian A. Culver
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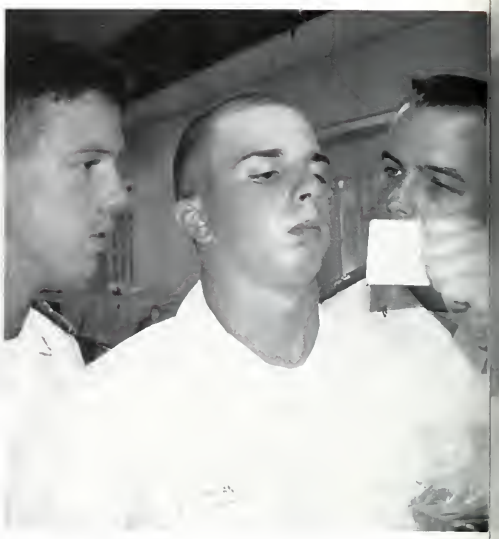
Throwing out the third's hays and racks is always a good way to get even with them



Tim O'Bryant gets a little talk from Cadre abou
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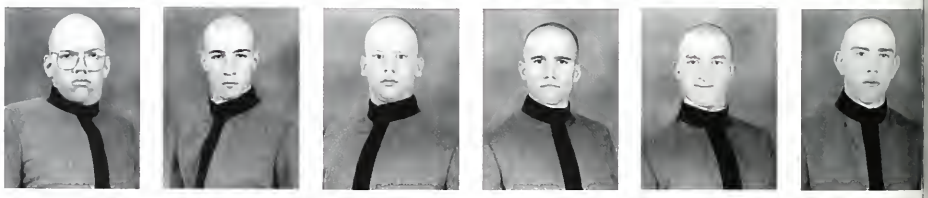

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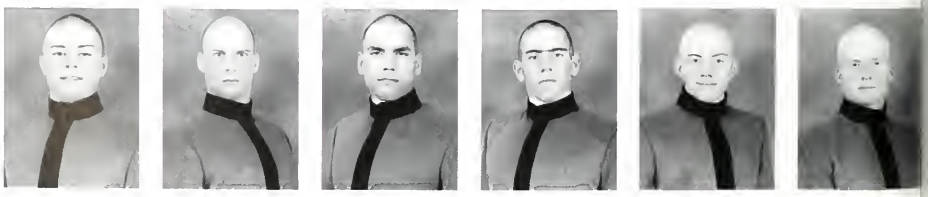

r. Glasser gives Chris Chan a little advice about
eeping his eyes locked

Marching up in formation from SRC past Washington Arch

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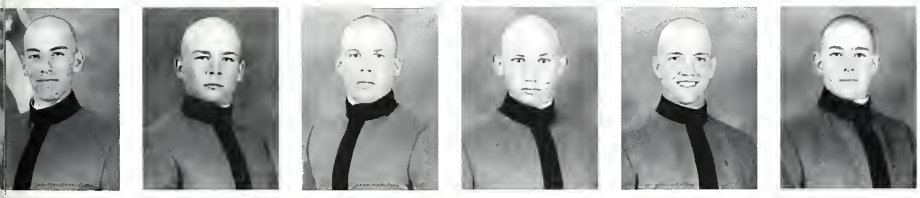

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Mark P. Glancy
Jonathan E. Gonzales

Jonathan Gordon
Michael D. Gorman
John L. Graef
Le R. Guill
Kwabena K. Gyimah
Steven M. Haas

Hell Night, August 19th 1994 — a day that will be remembered

Hell Night

After a long and weary day, a cannon blast roared throughout barracks that woke the Class of '98 from their slumber on August 19th. We were about to taste the full wrath of Hell Night. As we were first herded down to JM Hall for a little "talk" from the RDC and later to Cocke Hall, all the horror stories that we had heard about Hell Night were recalled.

With our first lesson on how to strain came an extended sweat party in which some of our Brother Rats kept the EMT's busy with various Hell Night casualties. Once it was over, a spirit seemed to take hold of the Rat Mass which brought us closer to each other and was the turbulent mark to the beginning of a turbulent year.

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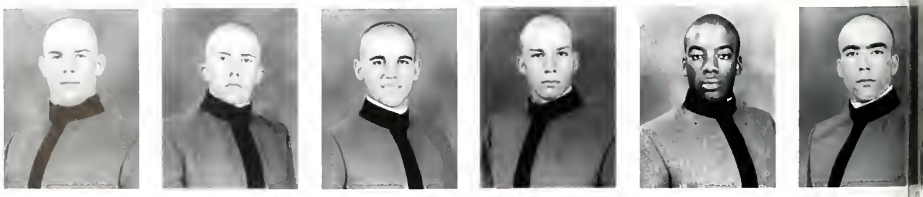
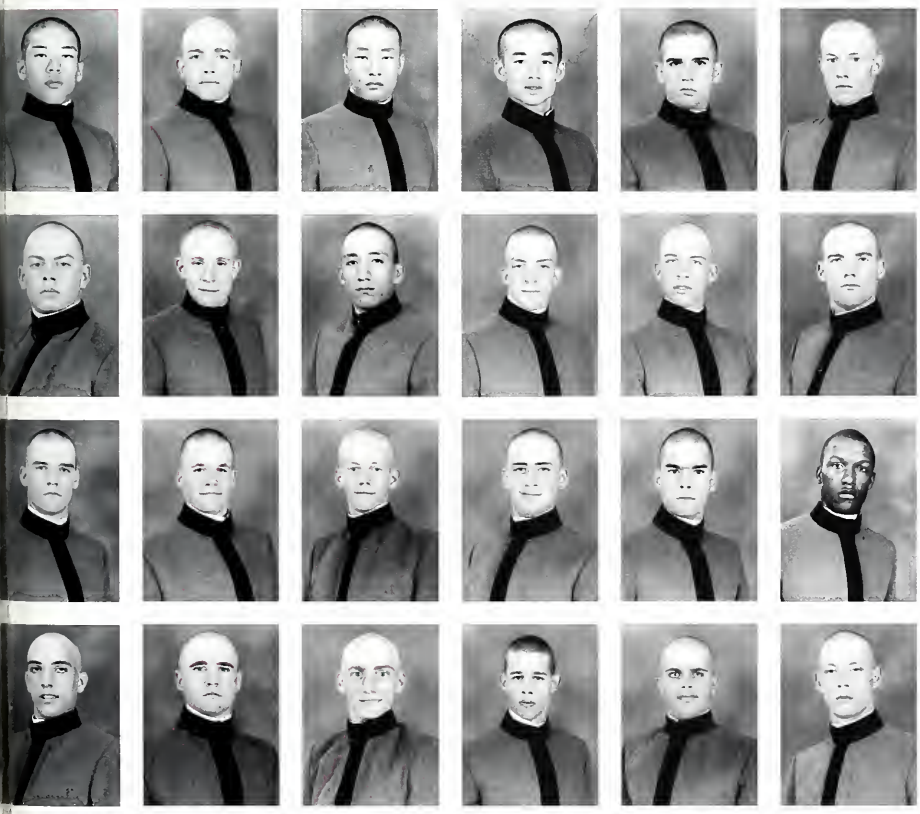


Rifle Manual

Throughout the Cadre week we learned many important aspects of life here at VMI. One of them, and probably the most important, was rifle manual. From the time we were issued our weapons, which were complete except for a firing pin, we learned to care for them. There were a few of us that noticeably had problems with right shoulder arms. After SRC, we were out on the parade deck practicing rifle manual as well as marching with our weapon. This practice was needed due to the drills in parades which required us to present arms, shoulder arms, and order arms. Many of us had problems with the inspection arms and were flamed well for it, until we got it correct.

By: Cesar M. Perez

Below: Some of us needed a 'little' help with our rifle manual



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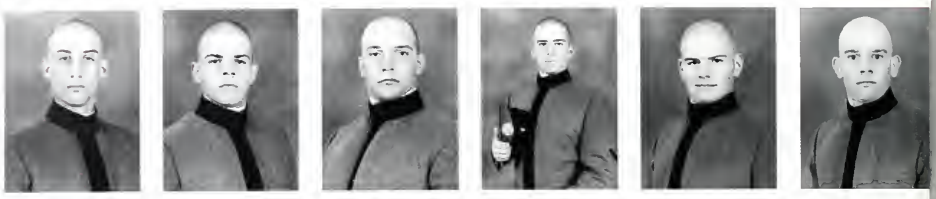

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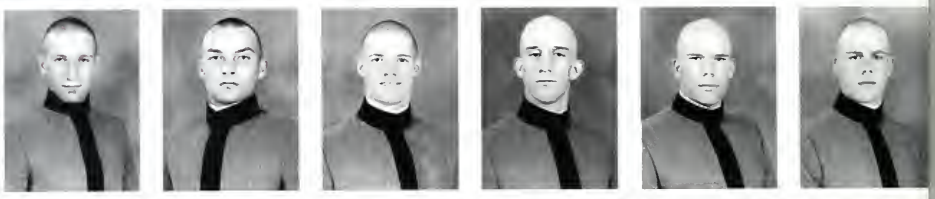

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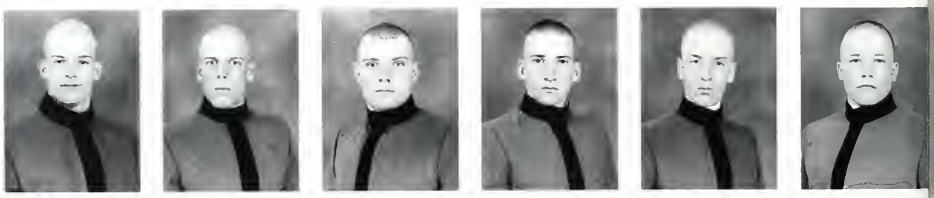

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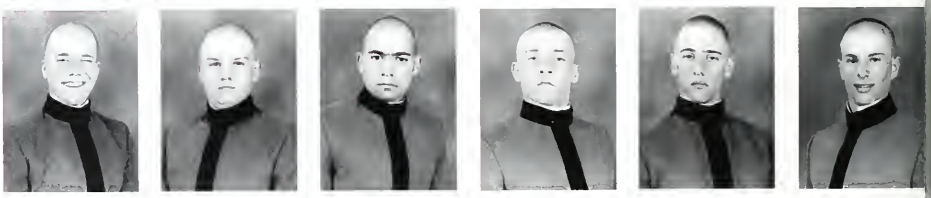

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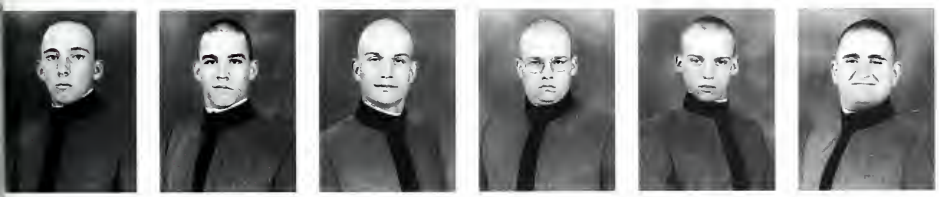

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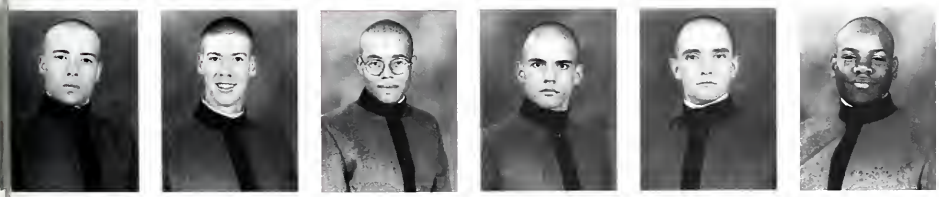

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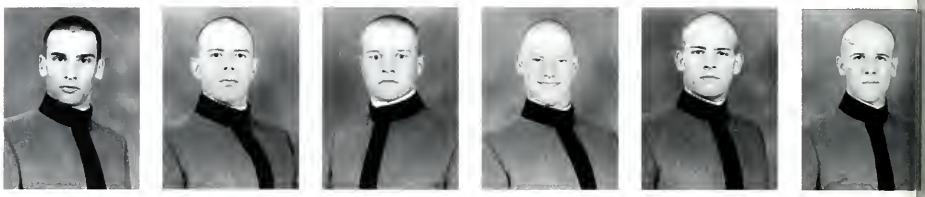

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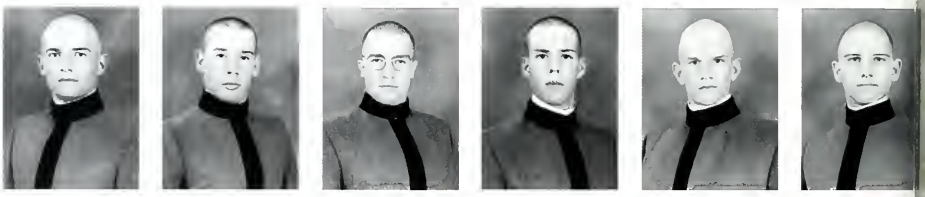

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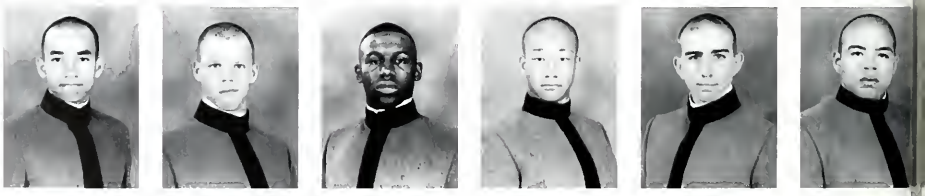

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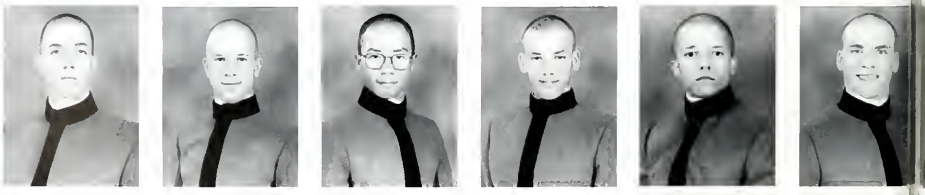

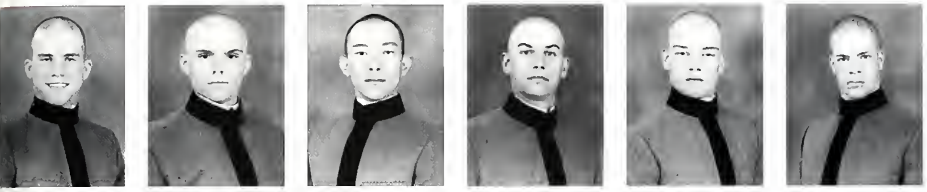

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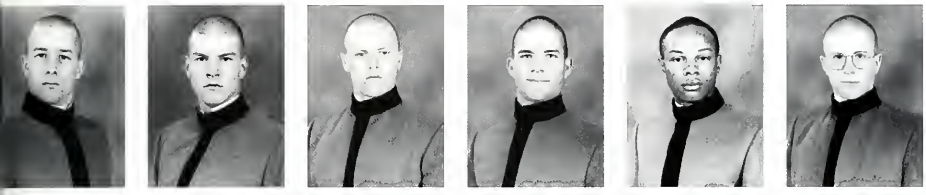

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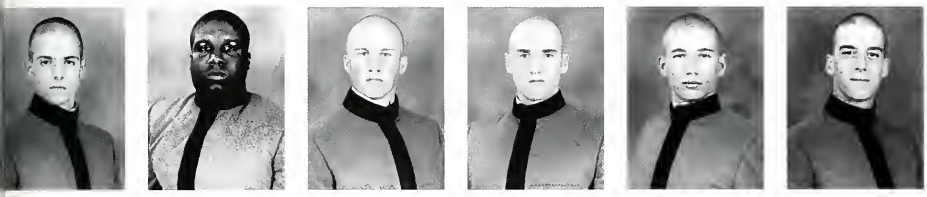

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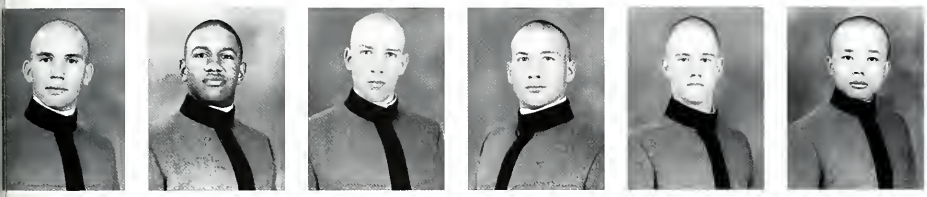

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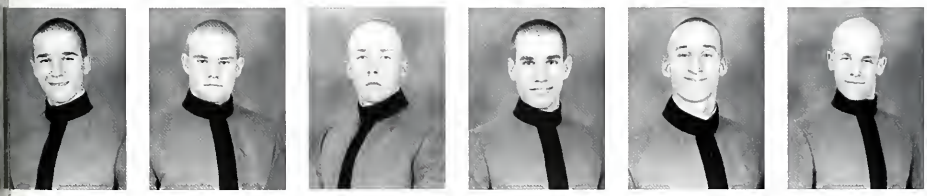

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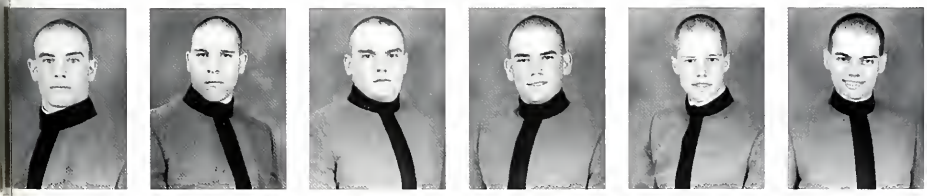

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Academics

Pressing up the hill of Science or skiing the slopes of Liberal Arts

elow: This cadet takes a break from the academic grind that so
haracterizes life at VMI.
ight: Cadet Lee thoroughly enjoys his assigned reading for the night.

Provost and Dean of Faculty

Brigadier General Lee D. Badgett was graduated from VMI in 1961. While a cadet, General Badgett held the offices of Regimental Commander and captain of the football team. After graduation, he had the honor of becoming VMI's ninth Rhodes Scholar. After having had a successful career in the U.S. Air Force, he became our present Provost and Dean of Faculty.

Brigadier General Lee. D. Badgett

Biology

The VMI Biology department gives the cadet majoring in biology a firm base on which to build his career in medicine, the military, or research. Instruction includes the essential science and liberal arts courses and many specialized biology and chemistry courses. Course work in the Biology department is not, however, limited to the classroom. As a part of every class, a three hour weekly lab is required. With this emphasis placed on laboratory work, the cadet gains a practical working knowledge of techniques that will be useful in both medical and graduate studies. One notable distinction of the Biology department is the Summer Scholars Program. In this highly selective program, sponsored by Drs. Watkins and Southard, cadets are given the opportunity to participate in biomedical research under Dr. James E. Turner.

Recently, the Biology department discovered this rare breed of shoe tree, native to VMI. Currently, the species is under intense study in the secret laboratories of the department.

Left: Col. E. Burwell Wingfield, Lt.Col. Thomas A. Baur, Lt.Col Richard A. Rowe, Col. Fred C. Swope, Mrs. Marie Greene, Mr. Peppy Kesler

The Department of Chemistry is located in the New Science Building.

These cadets discuss the results of a ground-breaking new experiment in their introductory chemistry lab.

The cadet who majors in chemistry obtains the sound basi education required for any career in chemistry. A variety of pc sitions are available to a graduate with a B.S. in chemistry. Th laboratory facilities, instrumentation, library and computer service housed in the new Science Center provide the cadet with th modern techniques he will need to learn and master the science c chemistry. Opportunities exist for selected chemistry majors t participate in research projects during the academic year and th summer vacation at VMI and or work as an industrial intern with chemical company located in the southeastern U.S. All chemistr majors are encouraged to join the Student Affiliate of the America Chemical Society. The Chemistry Department is approved by th American Chemical Society. The Department is located in the Ne Science, the newest academic building on Post. Chemistry major enjoy a relatively high success rate due to the skills and practica experience acquired in this department. The curriculum is ex tremely challenging, whether it is for the Rat struggling through CI 136 or for the First engaged in a major research project.

Chemistry

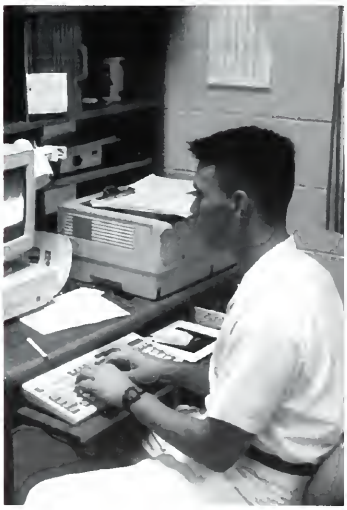
Physics

The physics curriculum is by far one of the hardest offered VMI. A physics major has the luxury of taking a wide riety of classes that provides a well rounded education. his includes an extensive background in math, a foreign nguage requirement, socio-humanistic courses, and not to ention the endless physics classes. This prevents having a rictly science oriented student. Some of the upper level asses include Atomic, Nuclear, Quantum, and Theoretical hysics. The physics curriculum emphasizes laboartory ork and practical experience in addition to work in the assroom. Techniques in photography, electronics, and en metalworking are taught as part of this.

This cadet diligently pursues a new solution to the Grand Unified Theory in his PY 207 lab.

. William McNairy, Col William Sauder, Col Richard Minnix, Col David DuPuy, Col Philip ters

Dr. Henry Williams, Maj. Maung Htay, Col. Michael Tierney, Col. George Piegari, Mrs. Jennifer Gearhart Ens. Elizabeth Hansen USNR, Col. Edward Zdinak



Feeling bored and unchallenged by his advanced calculus class, cadet Rubino relaxes with a game of solitaire.

Mathematics plays an active role at VMI. Every major here requires at least some form math to be taken, anywhere from the minimum general math requirement for liberal arts majors all the way up to the upper level courses for technical majors.

The department aims to prepare the cadet for positions in business, industry , and government service; for teaching, graduate schools; and for entering professional schools such as law, medicine, business administration, or engineering. It promotes understanding in the basic fields of math to help cadets become familiar with their structures and concepts; acquire proficiency in their techniques; and to develop an understanding and appreciation of the nature of math as an independent subject.

As a major, math is split into two curricula: B.S. and B.A. The B.S. degree allows the cadet to develop his interest in one or more of the sciences; while the B.A. degree is for those cadets interested in a general education in the liberal arts and sciences.

Aside from number manipulation classes, a variety of computer science courses are required as well. To broaden the horizons of a math major, the cadet must also take a foreign language, and social sciences.

Mathematics

Above: The Officer of the Guard takes a break from guard duties to study computer science.

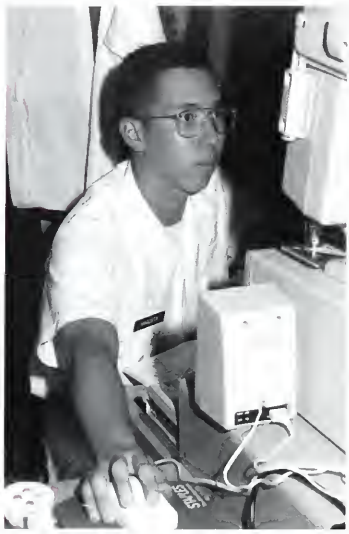
After working ceaselessly for five days on computer science, this cadet pauses briefly to ponder Nietschze's ideas on life.

The Virginia Military Institute moves into the future with the addition of the Computer Science department. Offered by the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, this dynamic major is opened to qualified cadets. The aims of the department in training computer science majors are to prepare the student for graduate study in computer science and positions in industry which require computing skills; to give students a firm grounding in principles and theory underlying computer skills. Minors are readily available and enhance one's usefullness. While this a technical major, it is a popular minor for liberal artists seeking to broaden their horizons. Located principally in Mallory Hall.

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

As an electrical engineering major, Ralph Ragosta has more free time than he knows what to do with. Here, he enjoys a game of Doom.



The Department of Electrical Engineering teaches cadet in a broad spectrum of fundamental engineering principles with particular emphasis on electrical and computer en gineering subjects. Methods used are demonstrated to b generally applicable to the solution of engineering problem thus permitting graduates considerable latitude in their fu ture career selections. Graduates of the program are sough for work in manufacture, design, operation, sales, and man agement by firms involved with power, control systems electronics, and communications, as well as by research an development concerns, consultants, and government agen cies. Many graduates obtain advanced degrees, and som enter the teaching profession at the college level.

Rear: Mr. Gary Gearhart, Dr. Gabriel Balazs, Mr. Wesley Robinson, Col Kerwin Stotz, Col Daniel Bar
Front: Lt Col David McGinn, Col Glenn Stumpff, Col Robert Johnson, Col Richard Skutt, Mrs. Phylli
Puckett

Top: Cpt Chris Caplice, Cpt Ronald Erchul, Lt Col Jose Gomez, Col James Groves
Bottom: Col Donald Jamison, Lt Col Ronald Meade, Lt Col John Page, Maj Wane Schneiter

Civil engineering is the oldest of the engineering professions and the broadest in scope. It is the parent of all of the specialized branches of engineering. Environmental engineering is a new specialty that has roots in civil engineering. The civil engineering curriculum at VMI includes a traditional array of courses that permit our graduates to pursue any of the specialty areas in civil engineering such as structures, geotechnical, transportation, water resources, and environmental. The presence of environmental engineering in the title of the department supports the current emphasis placed on environemntal issues within all of the specialty areas of civil engineering.

Mark Fulk demonstrates the use of surveying equipment for his lab.

Civil Engineering

Col Richard Trandell, Col Charles Morgan, Col Woodson Sadler, Major Michael Momot, Lt C
Timothy Hodges, Lt Col Wayne Neel, Lt Col Howard Arthur, Captain Michael Sexton

Late nights and long hours are often necessary to complete M.E. assignments.

Mechanical engineering is the second oldest of the en gineering professions and has the second largest enrollmen of students in the United States. Mechanical engineering is very broad field which includes many areas of study such a refrigeration, air conditioning, energy conversion, nuclea engineering, biomedical engineering, transportation equip ment engineering and industrial engineering. Mechanica engineers are employed in design, operations, sales, energ conservation, research, and management. A mechanical en gineering education is an excellent background for a caree in the military, government, business, or other profession such as law and medicine.

Mechanical Engineering

Economics

The Economics Department, although categorized with all he others L.A. majors, is actually a very demanding curiculum which often pits the unsuspecting, aspiring, Ecoomics major against heavyweights like Col. Claiborn and Col. Reclam. While the Economics department is housed in Scott Shipp Hall, they are one of the few majors coming from here that actually have the need to study. Even though "EC" cadets are constantly challenged to put their knowldge to the test against their professors, they also have the hance to show their fellow classmates their investment now-how in the cadet investment group. And with the teady demand for those few with the EC/BU know-how, the uture looks very promising.

Mike Rainwater enjoys one of the finer things in life: studying economics.

Rear: Lt Col Francis Bush, Maj Edward Zaijek, Maj Douglas Woundy, Maj Roy O'Connor
Front: Lt Col Edward Sexton, Col Michael Reclam, Col Edward Claiborn, Col Floyd Duncan

English

Reading Chaucer for the first time has left this Rat exasperated.

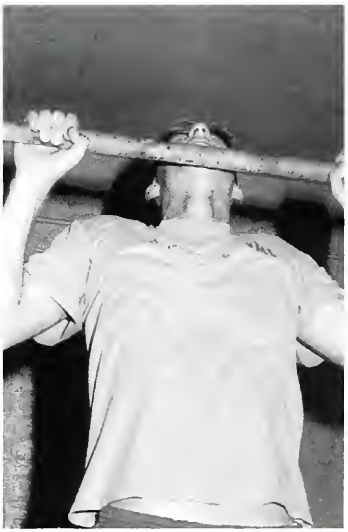
The ability to speak and write clearly and effectively, to use research materials creatively, to analyze and interpret written materials of all sorts, to think about people's motives and understand why they act as they do — these are skills demanded in just about any occupation. They are what the English curriculum offers. Majoring in English should result in the growth of the whole man, as his life is ordered, extended, and enriched by what he learns. But he is also preapred for professional training of various sorts. English graduates of the Institute have been successful in graduate schools of law, business, medicine, theology, psychology, and art, as well as English. English graduates are now at work practicing medicine, commanding troops, watching stock tickers, heading banks, managing businesses, writing for newspapers, preparing advertising copy, running colleges, raising money, editing periodicals, painting pictures, teaching students, and writing novels.

Front: Lt Col Alan Baragona, Col Thomas B. Gentry, Dr. Mary Balazs, Lt Col Thomas F Crawford, Rear: Col R. Meredith Bedell, Maj William D. Badgett, Col Emily P. Miller, Maj Gu A. Litton, Col Gordon Ball.

ol William Stockwell, Col James Coale, Col Gordon Calkins, Mr. Brian Grady, Lt Col Robert Cairns, Dr. 'nold Joyce

Physical Education

One common feature of all e curricula at VMI is the re-ıirement of eight semesters of ysical education. All cadets e required to take a core of xing, swimming, wrestling, ohol and drugs, and princi-es of physical conditioning. her available courses include ightlifting, golf, lifeguarding, PR, tennis, racquetball, and mnastics. Through these urses, the cadet learns much out his health as an individ-l and develops habits leading a lifelong pursuit of sport d fitness.



Part of every PE course is the VFT. Cadets, like this one prepare weeks in advance for the pull ups portion of the test.

The Modern Languages department offers courses in French, Spanish, a German language, literature, and culture. The curriculum is designed to g the cadet a strong foundation upon which to build his understanding of chosen language. During the fourth class year, core courses in the arts and scien are taken along with basic language courses. After the fourth class year, the ca takes courses that are more and more focused on particular problems in gramm and particular periods in literature. With the language training received, the cade eligible for a career in the military, business, or graduate studies.

Modern Languages

Above: Col. Mike Monsour, Col. Murray Vines, Maj. John Cerkey, Col. Mike Harris, Director, Modern Langua Department, Mrs. Agnes Meers, Maj. Kathleen Bulger Barrett, Maj. Donald Sunnen

ove: Col. Thomas Davis, Col. A. Cash Koeniger, Col. Wayne Thompson, Mrs. Janet Aldridge, Mrs. Alicia Ahires, Lt. Col. ice Vandervart, Dr. William Percival, Col. Patrick Mayerchak. Front: Maj. Rose Mary Sheldon, Maj. Mary Ann Fay partment Head Captain Blair P. Turner, Col. Donald Thomas, Lt. Col. Mark Wilkonson.

History
nternational Studies

he international studies curriculum is designed to educate men for leadership roles in the global community, and it is especially ied for those seeking careers in foreign affairs, international busi- s, the government, and the military. Foreign study is encouraged as t of the degree program. Foreign language competence is em- sized through the language element in the international studies gram. A double major in international studies and modern lan- ige is available to qualified cadets.

Above: Col. Mayerchak combines Saddom Hussein with an impromptu Hamlet imitation.

Study Abroad

During the 1993-1994 academic year I had the opprotunity to study abroad at the Universitat der Bundeswehr in Munich, Germany. A year there was far superior to VMI for three main reasons: I left VMI behind for a year, I improved my knowledge of the German language, culture, military and culture, finally I got away from VMI for a year. When I not studying, I enjoyed the hedonistic, European pleasures of the vaunted Munich "Night Life". I drank beer, danced, met interesting people, and drank more beer. Now, if you have never had a good German beer, then your life has been a sad and miserable failure. If you visit Germany, the first thing you should do, after retreiving your luggage, is to make your way to the airport's bar and order a beer. Then, sit back and enjoy. In Germany, I also had a chance to drive on the "Autobahn", a highway without speed limits. You can play Knight Rider and nobody cares. In conclusion, I urge anyone to take a trip to the beautiful Federal Republic of Germany. The beer is second to none, the people friendly, and the country is absolutely amazing. It is an experience to remember. Auf Wiederschen!!! by Robert D. Staley

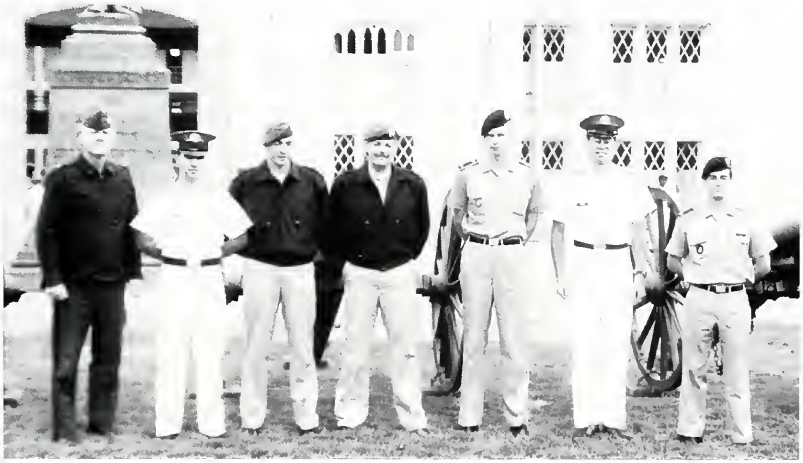
Above: Bob Staley, Jeff Wright, and Max Castelyn enjoy a beer with lunch in Germany.

Above: Cadets Glasser and Myers take a break after a assault on a German Urban Combat Training Grounds

Above: Jim Zepko and Spike Solovey ponder the priceless antiques in this Eastonia salon.

Left: Cadets Solovey and Zepko and the Commandant of the Estonia Military Academy stop to take a picture at the Academy's main gate.

Above: Chris Myers and Todd Glasser enjoy a cup of tea next to a German Armored Vehicle.



Above: These German Officers likewise enjoy visiting VMI and meeting new American friends.

Cadets Fulk and Russell use their leadership and decide what direction to lead their platoons.

An army cadet practices marksmenship with his M-16. Hands on training is an important aspect of the Army ROTC training.

Army ROTC is an important part of many Cadets VMI experience. Cadets train to be future soldiers and leaders in the U.S. Army. The Army department stresses hands on training both during the school year as well as the summer. During the year army cadets take part in field training exercises, dining in, ranger challenge, tanker platoon, and weapons training. In the summer many cadets attend schools such as jump school, air assault school, and a wide variety of other challenging opportunities. VMI continues to turn out some of the finest army officers in the service.

ARMY

The Army ROTC department. Front to Rear: Mrs. Mary C. Proffitt, MAJ. Richard B. Hollar Jr., Col. Stephen E. Wilson, Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Martin, Ms. Dianna L. Ruley, Master Sgt. Dennie R. Marshburn, Maj. Kenneth R. Britt, Capt. Robert E. Ali, Maj. David G. Wrenn, Capt. D. Mike Farley, Master Sgt. Bruce A. Reed, Capt. Michael L. Butler, SFC (Ret) Thomas E. Atkinson, Capt. Richard J. Reid Jr., Staff Sgt. Barry E. Batts, Sgt. William E. Mabry Jr., SFC Donald D. Lund.

Air Force cadets receive training on a weekend trip at Langley Air Force Base. Cadets are shown here standing in front of an F-15 Eagle.

Air Force ROTC is very popular among Cadets. Cadets learn about subjects such as air warfare, total quality management, leadership training, and air force operations. The air force department commissions a large number of cadets each year. The variety of jobs ranges from pilot and flight officer to missile operations officer and special operations. Air Force Cadets take part of many training opportunities during the school year. Cadets may visit an AFB or take part in combat frisbee on the parade deck. During the summer cadets attend camp, take part in flight training, couple with a junior officer as well as many other exciting training opportunities.

AIR FORCE

Air Force cadets take part in a wide variety of summer training. Pictured above are Air Force cadets from all ROTC units across the country. VMI cadets often excel at camp during the summer.

Above: Midshipmen Justin Rubino and Brian Blue conduct a impromptu air worthiness check upon one of the Fleet's premeir fighter aircraft, the F-14 Tomcat. Aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, Midshipmen Blue and Rubino acquired a working knowledge of the fleet.

Above: Summer Cruise also means liberty, as Midshipmen Lloyd Taliferro and Sam West ably demonstrate here.

Naval ROTC at VMI is a very challenging and interesting experience. As future leaders of our Nation's Navy, these cadets are exposed to the very latest in Naval Doctrine, training procedures and the newest principles of total quality management. In addition, the majority of cadets are enrolled in technical majors, reflecting the Navy's necessity for future ensigns firmly grounded in the sciences. Major activities that the Naval ROTC department conducts are the sailing qualification field training, Dining Out, and Roadside Cleanup. However, the most significant training occurs during the summer cruise, where cadets join the wardroom of a ship or squadron and execute the duties of a junior officer. This hands on training can be extremely rewarding and informative, not to mention quite enjoyable. This ROTC Department has a proud record of producing superior Officers for the Navy. To date, no VMI alumnus has failed to complete the rigourous BUS training and VMI has produced an inordinate amount of Nuclear Propulsion School graduates.

NAVAl ROTC

Above: Capt. David Hall, YNC Michael Stallworth, Lt. Douglass Hanson, Lt. Cmdr Thomas, C. Sivead, Lt. Kurt Schick, L. Paul A. Remick, Chief Petty Ofc. Donald D. Tellock, Lt. Alvaro Cuellar, Commanding Officer Col. David Vetter.

These Marines plan out their next move with a huddle and a map. Land navigation, light infantry tactics, and command and control are always greatly emphasized during Marine Corps maneuvers. These skills will undoubtedly aid these Midshipmen during Officers Candidate School.

Naval ROTC at VMI includes a Marine Corps component. Given VMI's long and distinguished history of involvement with the Corps, it is only fitting that this department should be so popular with Corps of Cadets. While Cadets enrolled as Marine Option are still considered midshipmen, they participate in very different training from the Naval component. Field training is centered around light infantry tactics. The "Bulldog" program is intended to prepare midshipmen for the rigors of Platoon Leader's Course, taught at Quantico Va, or the Officer's Candidate School, also at Quantico. Scholarship midshipmen have the opportunity to attend CORTRAMID, a program designed to put Marine option cadets in a Marine unit for the summer furlough. This is intended to give a wider exposure to the Corps than would be offered in ROTC. VMI Marines truly utilize these training opportunities to best result .

MARINE CORPS

Above: After a long, hard, hot field problem during the Marine FTX, Corey Murphy enjoys a coke and a smile with Combat Bob Howard and Hernan Barrero.

Preston Library

Where is It?

The Spring 1995 Semester saw a dramatic change in one of VMI's most used buildings. The Preston Library was the recipient of a large, comprehensive renovation project known as the Phase five Barracks extension. This extension was intended to address serious problems in Preston Library including entirely new climate control systems, rebuilt stacks, automated fire suppresion gear and a large amount of modernization to the majority of the building. This renovation is costly and is expected to be completed before the Fall 1995 matriculation.

In the meantime, where is the Library expected to quarter? While Lejeune Hall is the primary location, there are divisions of the Library facilities carefully fitted into every available nook and cranny on Post. While the Library Staff is able to maintain itself on the four hundred level of Lejeune Hall, they are eagerly awaiting return to their home building.

Above: These Cadets and their ladies conduct a psychology experiment in th new "Reading Room" of Preston Library or rather the Lejeune Hall date lounge

Above: While reduced in size, the periodicals room still remains the same.

Right: John Citizen seems to enjoy the new enviornment for study in Lejeune Hall Library reading room.

Above: The Preston Library staff, pictured here in the Rare Book Room before the great exodus.

Academic Societies

Class of 1995

John A. Christman
John F. Stann
Geoffrey A. Taylor

Class of 1997

David S. McCormick
Michael W. Medlin
Noah S. Slemp
James C. Smythers
David W. Zirkle

Class of 1996

Nicolas H. Ellis
Chris R. Gorman
Giles A. Gray

Class of 1998

David M. Benedick
Eric J. Iannelli
Joshua J. Metcalf
Nathan R. Pierpont
Thomas R. Warburton

The above men are menbers of a select group of Cadets, the recipeints of the Gottwald Scholar distinction. They are truly outatnading and deserving of the benefits inherent to this position.

Above: The Cadet Investment Group headed by Jay Ferriola, Rick Blaylock, and Witchit Saiklo invests real sums of money and earn or lose real profits or lossess. The Group has been known to return more revenue than some Wall Street brokerage houses. The Group is funded by a grant.

Above: The Society of Physics Students is a nationally established forum for the advancement of the student's knowledge of physics and to encourage intellectual growth in the same disciplines. First Classman Leo Pambid holds the chair of the VMI chapter here on Post.

Above: IEEE is dedicated to the proliferation of knowledge and experience in the field of Electrical Engineering. This is accomplished by visits to many sites that hold a great degree of interst for members. IEEE attends many forums thoughout the country. IEEE is headed by First Classman Daniel Williams.

NCAA SPORTS

Division I

IT'S A WAR OUT THERE

VMI		Opp.
	Richmond	
31	East Tenn State	34
21	William & Mary	31
7	Georgia Southern	45
0	Marshall	49
7	UT-Chattanooga	49
	Furman	
11	Western Carolina	28
7	James Madison	33
15	The Citadel	38
14	Appalachian State	58
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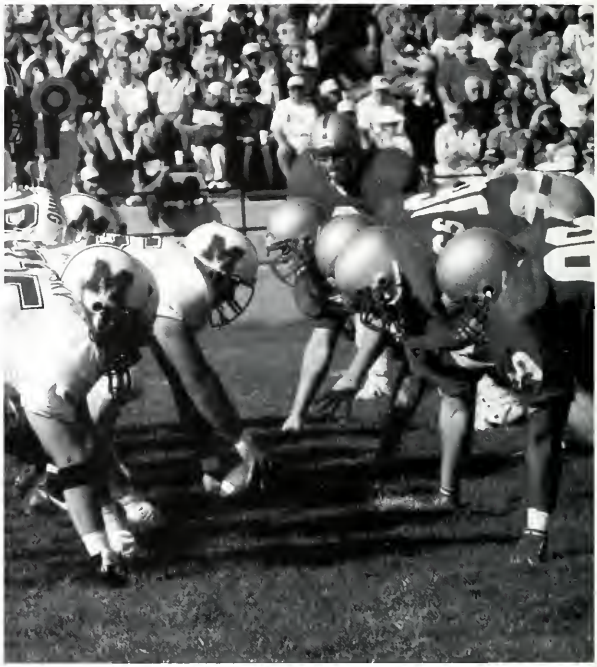


One thing that can be said about the 1994-95 football season is change. This years players were initiated into a TEAM and a family. Coach Stewart and his coaching staff have brought together the unity that this team was lacking and, though the record may not show it, things are working and the future is bright for the program. The process of turning a football program around is by no means an easy one, after two upsetting losses to Richmond and ETSU, VMI faced 3 top 20 opponents back to back and finished with hard losses. The Keydets never said die, in the latter part of the season they took 4 top 25 opponents into the 3rd quarter and ended the season by defeating the eventual conference champion Appalachian St. 26-23 in OT. This came to be the biggest upset in the conference and in all of Div. I-AA football.

The junking of the wishbone and the initiating of a Pro-1 offense gave the opportunity for many new players to step in and play right away. Many rats had big shoes to fill this year and the results were impressive. QB's Al Lester and Greg Ellen showed talents and maturity that were exceptional for young players in such a vital position. Many other rats contributed highly to the program this year as well as many upperclassmen. After a years absence, WR Tim Williams returned this year, and was a conference standout in punt returns as well as dangerous reciever. Veterens on the offensive line were exceptional in making the change from attacking to more pass blocking from the guidance of Coach Legg. Thomas Haskins picked up where he left off last year and then some, by breaking Floyd Allen's

VMI FOOTBALL

14 year old season and game high rushing record and leading the conference in rushing with 1,509 yards. Tom picked up first team all conference and first team all state awards, and he still has two years to go! With the return of "Coach Throck" the big red defense established a attacking defense that was exciting to watch and as the season progressed, it just got tougher. With the leadership of seniors like Terry Tucker, John Fabyonic, and Drew Dunnington this defense suprised many opponents.

Other Keydets that also recieved awards were WR Tim Williams, 2nd team all conference; SS Terry Tucker, 2nd team all conference. Overall the motto for this team in the years to come is "challenge." This team is getting

'94-'95 SEASON

Bigger, stronger, and faster everyday. We are getting the results that there have never been here before, and the future of Keydet football is on the rise. The coaching staff and players are working numerous hours year round to help produce the most exciting Keydet Football yet!

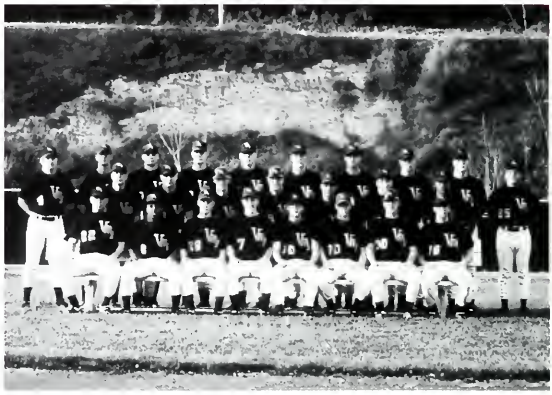
By Ricardo Mattoso

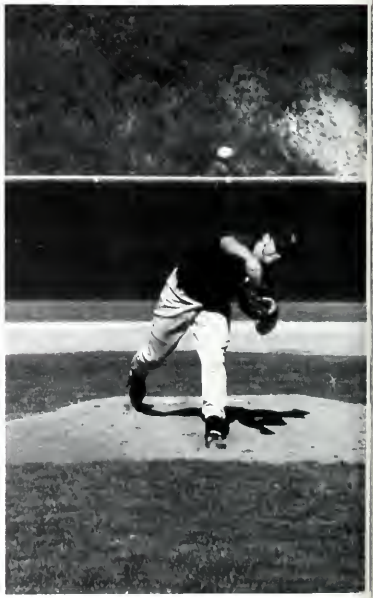
GOLF CO

Bringing It Home

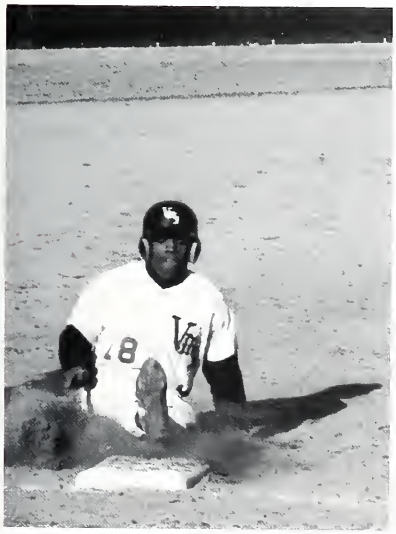
While the professional baseball league was in a daze and not playing, cadets and baseball junkies at VMI could still get their fix by travelling down to Patchin Field to watch the Keydets in action. Under the direction of head coach Chris Finwood '88 the team performed well finishing the season with a 21-29 record which is consistent with the tradition of excellence that the Corps has come to expect from the baseball team. This record also harkens back ro the record setting 1988 baseball squad, and the team will probably soon even pass those records as they enter the spring season. The leadership from the upperclassmen has been inspiring and the rats will continue in the footsteps of their mentors.

By Jared McCormick





BASEBALL



Kickin' It!

As the world cup swept America the VMI soccer team showed that they were already masters of the sport as they took on many of the best schools in the conference, and last year even took on the soccer team from the Eco polytechnique. This years team had some heartbreaks as the season was plagued by injuries for many team members, but the team looks forward to a strong season next year, as they will only be losing two members, seniors Geoff Blum and Mike Young, to graduation. While the team will be losing these two valuable players they have also gained many new players this year, and the players that came off the bench also performed exempleraly, including rat Ritch Daughtridge who was named the Freshmen Conference Player of the Year, and was on the 1st Team Southern Conference. Second Classmen Trey Kirby was also picked to be on the 2nd Team Southern Conference. While the team performed well and gave it their all they ended the season with a 6-10-1 record. Team members are confident that they will do much better next year, "ecspecially with the new talent we have," said one team member.

By Jared McCormick

1994-1995 Season

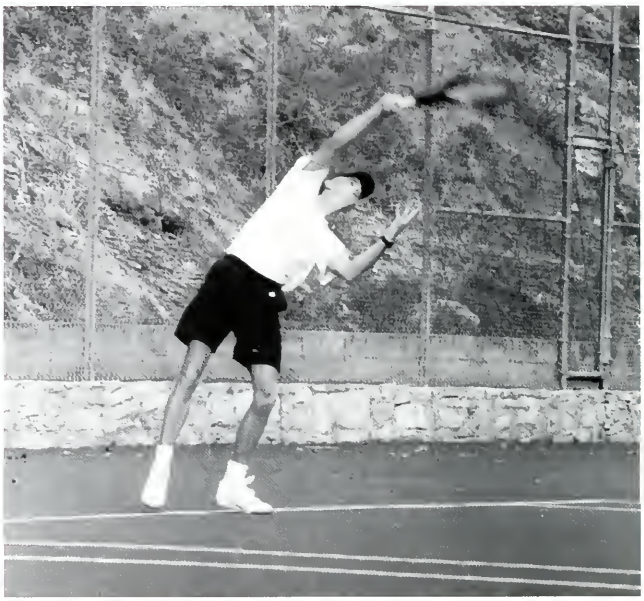
Sept. 8 Radford
Sept. 16 Navy
Sept. 18 SUNY-Buffalo
Sept. 24 Furman
Sept. 27 Georgetown
Oct. 1 Georgia Southern
Oct. 5 Eastern Mennonite
Oct. 8 Marshall
Oct. 13 Davidson
Oct. 18 Richmond
Oct. 21 Appalachian State
Oct. 23 St. Francis
Oct. 29 The Citadel
Nov. 1 Washington & Lee
Nov. 4-6 Southern Conference Tournament

SOCCER

In Full Swing
Tennis

The tennis team completed another successful fall season with an 11-1 record. New members Chris Braun, David Burns, Hayden McQuay, and Justin Wolfe were impressive contributors, and upper classmen Clint Dublin, Karl Painter, and Jamie Yoxtheimer banded together to assume a cohesive lead role. Congratulations are due to our coach Ken Alrutz who Achieved his 100th career win for VMI.

By Joylon Constable
Captain



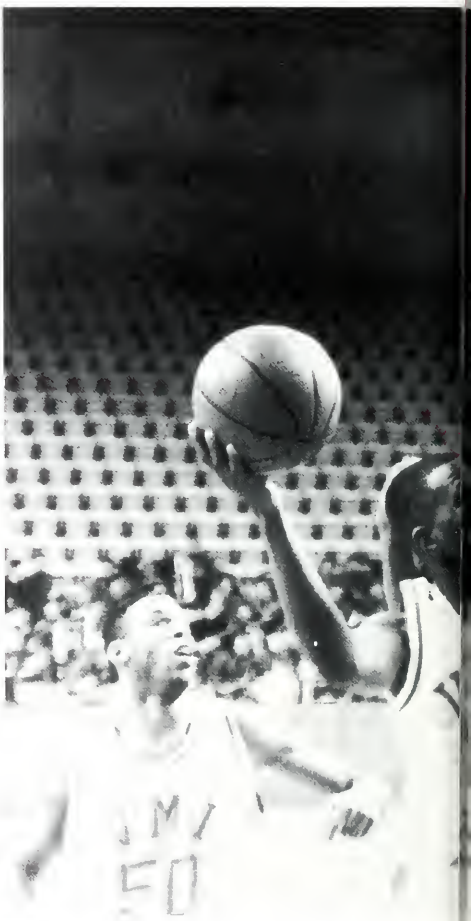
On Target
Rifle

The VMI Rifle Team has had a decent year for the 94-95 season. We have honed our skills and picked up some new talent with the new fourth classmen. We have had our share of fun and laughs, but we have also had our share of hardships. Rifle isn't like many other sports. One can only be taught so much by a coach, after that it is up to the shooter to improve in his own mind, and body. There are also no "naturals," it takes effort, time, dedication and patience to become a good shooter. I am very proud of our team this year and expect it to only be better next year.

Barton P. Filipiak
Team Captain, 2nd Class Pvt.

SWOOSH!!!

The 1994-95 VMI Basketball tema strove to new heights this season under the new leadership of coach Bart Belairs. The team finished with an overall record of 10W-17L (6-8 in Southern Conference), including wins against U.T.C. Chattanooga, Army (West Point), Davidson, and East Tennessee State University. Keydet Bobby Prince led the team at point Guard and Maurice Spencer at guard, while Lawrence "G" Guilette and Warren Johnson worked the ball to the inside as forwards. The powerhouse on the inside was Senior Lester Johnson as center. The starters were supplemented by a very strong second string of players which always kept the team's intensity level at it's peak. Also adding their talents to the team this year were Freshmen Brian Taug and Matt Spinelli. This season, the VMI Keydet Basketball team proved to themselves and everyone else, that they are strong competitors to any team on their schedule, and under the superb leadership of coach Belairs and staff, they will soon conquer the Southern Conference title.



'94-'95 Basketball Season

Take It To The Mat

Wrestling

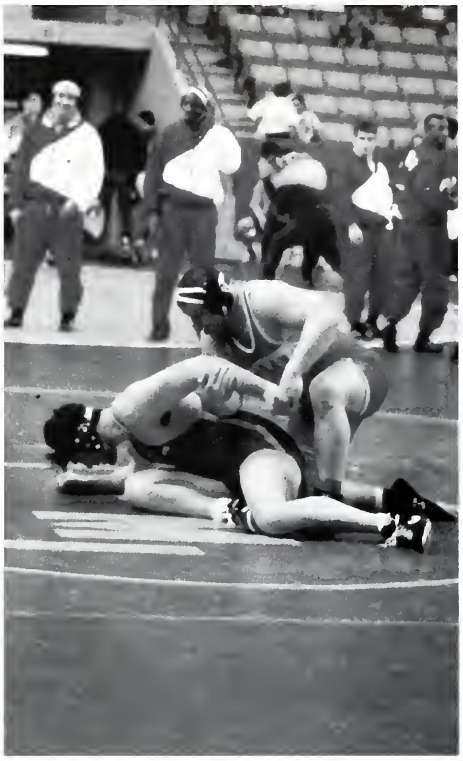
The 94-95 VMI Wrestling Season opened as usual in mid-November under the management of Head Coach John Trudgeon. Wrestlers slaved over hours and hours of lifting, running, and wrestling to condition their bodies and to perfect techniques in preparation for each match.

However, there were some changes to this season as well. As an addition to the VMI coaching staff, Eric Bruce, an All American Wrestler from Liberty University joined the coaching team.

This year the Keydets are led by senior captains Jeremy Ingram and All American Charlie Branch. Other outstanding starters Frankie Haltom, Raymond James, David Hall, the Mickewitz twins, and Rats Kevin Johnson and Bung Ho Kim.

Once again the Keydets are off to a successful season as VMI was able to capture 2nd place in both the Bloomsburg and Virginia State tournaments. Likewise, the teams dual meet record is an impressive 5-2 thus far with only four regular Conference meets left. Through all the hard work and preparation the VMI wrestling team hopes to win the Southern Conference title and to produce more All American Wrestlers.

By Kevin Mable



Keydet Wresling Schedule

Bloomsburg Invitational
Penn State Open
The Midlands
William & Mary and Davidson
Virginia Duals
Duke
VIL Championships
Virginia Tech
The Citadel
All-Academy Championships
UT-Chattanooga
Appalachian State
Clemson
James Madison
Southern Conference Championships
NCAA Division I Championships

WE BE STROKING

This year the VMI Swim Team was ready to explode off the blocks and recover from a disappointing season last year. They recruited several top swimmers from the states of New York, Indiana, and Virginia. They only lost one swimmer to graduation, and the rest of the team was fired up to improve.

The team practiced harder than in years past, because they had specific goals in mind: a winning season and a top 5 ranking in Southern States Championships. Head Coach Steven "Boss" Ross and his assistant Doc Arnold "Water Wizard" Joyce challenged the swimmers in the water and on land. The grueling practices seemed to pay off by the time the season began.

The meet schedule was basically the same as before. They had five meets before Winter Break, two during, and three after. The team had already begun to make plans for its Fourth Annual West Palm Beach trip during the two weeks following New Years. The season was prepared, and so were the Keydets.

The first meets ended in disappointing losses to Goergetown, Virginia Tech, and Richmond with only one win coming against Coppin State. Georgetown proved to be a heartbreaker, as VMI lost to one of its biggest rivals for the third straight year.

Over the holidays, the team travelled to West Palm Beach, Florida. They trained four hours a day and squeezed in some fun time at the beach in the afternoon. At night, the swimmers partied hard amongst themselves and at the local bars. It was a good trip for the squad, as it was the first real chance for the upperclassmen to get to know the rats. The chemistry on the team was there and all of them enjoyed the trip.

On the trip back, the Keydets stopped in Tallahassee to whip the Rattlers of Florida A&M in a lopsided meet. They traveled on to Statesboro, Georgia to take on conference rival Georgia Southern. In a close meet, VMI lost ot the Golden Eagles but performed extremely well.

Once back on the hill, the team continued to train hard and compete in meets. They beat the Howard Bison by a large margin, but lost to Davidson in a tight match. With their record standing at 3-4 and two meets remaining, their winning season rested on the last two competitions.

Towson State trekked through the snow and ice in January to swim in Cocke Hall. The lead jumped back and forth throughout with the outcome resting on the final relay. The Keydets were ahead by one point, and the winner of the meet would be the first team to touch the wall at the end of the race. In an exciting finale, Towson State prevailed to win the meet, 113-109.

The VMI swimmers were not ready to quit. They had one meet to go and wanted to end the season on a positive note. Their last match was against Loyola University in Baltimore. In another tight meet, the Keydets lost by ten points.

Although their visions of a winning season were destroyed, the team knew that they had improved and had a good season. They also knew that the team was still young and had a long way to go. With a good recruiting season in the future, the VMI Swim Team will bounce back and be able to achieve the failed goals of the 94-95 season.

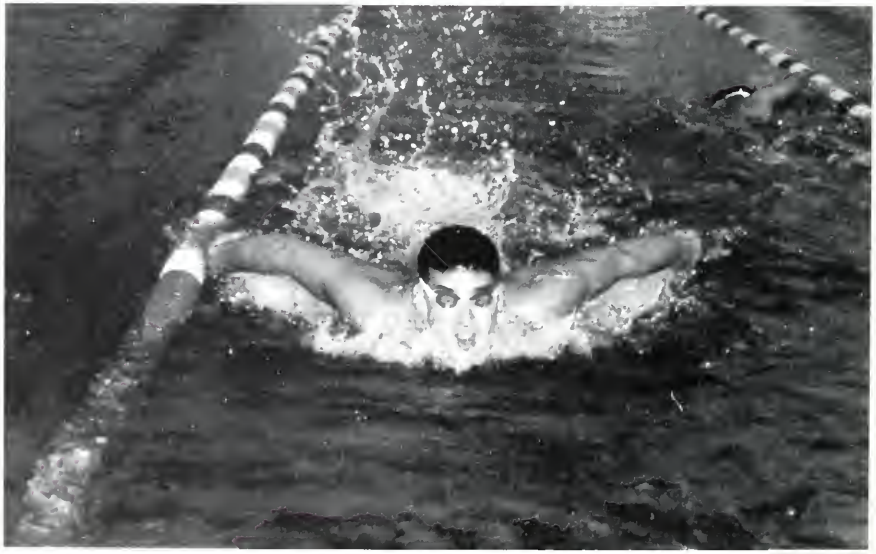
By Russ Moore

Swimming

Left to right, Top row: Max Hopkins, Jared McCormick, Russ Moore, Don Hoover, Coach Arnold Joyce 2nd row: Bill O'Donnell, Jim Rodgers, Jeff Jones, Creagan Howland, Richard Hauben, Matt Chapman Front row: Chad Flansburg, Johnathan Charbonet, Jay Rodriques, Wendall Tucker, Ryan Landmann, Sean Shutts, Dave Bates, Coach Stephen Ross

Swimming

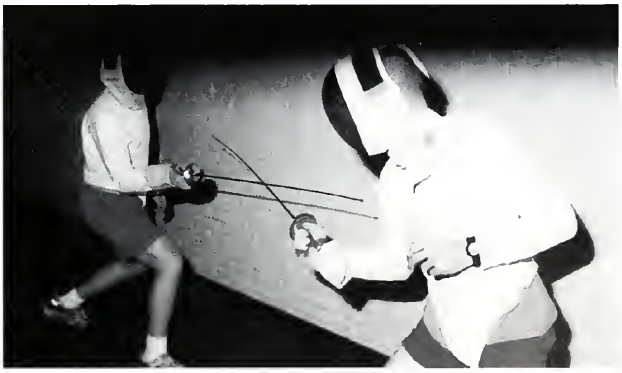
Above: Swimmers pause before the next 500 yards.



Above: Practice, Practice, Practice.

FENCING

Harkening back to the days of chivalry when men carried sabres and knew how to use them to defend themselves, the fencing team keeps up that tradition. Practicing three days a week in the art of fencing, and using different types of blades the team prepares to defend their own and the schools honor against such challengers as West Point, the Naval Academy, and William and Mary. Although interest in the team has appeared to slacken off in the past few years the team is still strong, and ready to foil any other schools plans of trying to disgrace VMI.



By Jared McCormick

FAST PACED

Track

Above: Phil Alicea practices hurdles.

If there is one thing consistent about VMI athletics, it is the ability of the track and field team to produce Southern Conference Championships. Under the leadership of captains Stephen Johnson, Rich Pitchford, and Damon Richardson, that is what the Keydets intend to do.

This year the team will be drawing from all aspects of track and field. Among the sprints and hurdles, teammates Phil Alicia, Joey Dubose, and Holm Ankomo-Sey will be expected to produce big results. VMI, always powerful in the throws, will be looking to Zack Scott, Tim Brock, and Jason Clendenin. Jumpers such as Jon Citizen, Damon Richardson, and Obi Ezekwe will also be helping VMI rack in the points. Distance runners such as Stephen Johnson, Will Martin, and Jon Gonzales will also make contributions to the team effort.

Under the head coaching of Col. Mike Bozeman, these Keydets have a tremendous season in front of them, and are expected to have many more to come.

By Stephen Johnson

QUICK STICK

Lacrosse

Lacrosse is an intense sport requiring high levels of agility, concentration, speed and strength. Although the stakes were much more severe for the losing team when the Indians first created the sport, Keydet LAX still dishes out a good beating to their opponents. Whether playing the position of attack, defense, mid-field or goalie, VMI's lacrosse team stands above others, ecspecially in the aspect of teamwork. No other sport requires as much cooperation and understanding between it's players, and no other team compares to the concerted effort of unity than VMI lacrosse. With the newest addition of Coach Brian Grady to the training staff of this team, Keydet Lacrosse will continue to rise to the top! In the words of one of the country's greatest Lacrosse legends, Gary Gait, "There's no other job in the world where you get paid to use a metal stick to crush your opponent, and take the ball to the hole for an orgasmic finale.

By Kevin Vallerie

Above: The Keydets face off against their rivals.

THE LONG ROAD

Cross Country

For VMI cross country, this year was successful and productive for the members of the team. The cross country team began their training regimen with a number of new members, the incoming runners from the rat mass. They added a lot of depth to an already up-and-coming team. The country team dealt with the pain of long, hard runs, and speed workouts that seemed to last hours on end. Coach Chares Lauck pushed the team to new limits in both their long runs and their workouts, and the team responded favorably by winning an opening meet at VCU and by later defeating Radford. After a long season, intermixed with its ups and downs, the team took seventh out of nine at Southern Conference Championships.

By Christopher J. Mulligan

94-95 Cross Country Schedule

Ram Invitational
UVA Invitational
VMI/Rockbridge County HS Invitational
Highland Hustle
Ron Hopkins Memorial X-C Meet
Southern Conference Championship

IN THE SCRUM

Rugby

VMI's Rugby Football Club had what could only be described as a disappointing season in the fall. While a five hundred season is typically above par for Institute athletics; the rugby team has had many successful seasons in recent years and a five win-five loss record is far below the standards set by club members, present and past. The reason for this record is because of the loss of many key members due to graduation and academics. Particularly disappointing was the team's exclusion from the Ed Lee tournament in Roanoke.
The spring season is looking up however, with increased coaching at practices and the return of some key personnel. Though the first match of the spring against UVA was cancelled due to weather, the team is optimistic about the chances for three-peating as Porter Cup champions.

By Colin Boynton.

Fists of Fury

BOXING

Why do people box? It is not for the fun of it, well it might be if you enjoy getting hit every day. Everyone who does box will witness a feeling of dread before they have a match. Though when the match starts it is every man for himself, the adrenaline is running and the feeling is exilerating. Boxing instills a sense of confidence in oneself, and may be another reason that poeple choose to box.

The team members all have a very good chance of winning at regionals, and team captain Eric Ash and sophmore Andy Nguyen are expected to make it to Nationals, and have a chance at winning it.

This season the team had a lot of rats come out for the team, and they will hopefully return next year as the backbone of the boxing team. This years boxing coach was Dr. Gordon Marino, his coaching was encouraging and instructional, and will be missed next year as he has been accepted for another job.

By Andy Nguyen

SPIKE IT!!

Volleyball

Now entering its sixth year the VMI volleyball team is still going strong and having fun. The team was originally started by a bunch of cadets looking for another way to have fun at the beloved "I," and has since grown to a popular and competitive club sport. While the team does not have the budget that some of the more high profile sports do they still do well and compete against big name schools such as Duke, The Citadel, and W&L. Under the leadership and coaching of Major Momot, from the mechanical engineering department, and with the new players supplied by the rat mass it is assured that the team will only grow stronger and more competitive as it continues to spike and ace its way to victory.

By Jared McCormick

94-95 SPORTS YEAR

IN REVIEW

Corps Life

"There is generally less liberty in the life of a Cadet. . ."

Right: Marshall, the Corps Dog enjoys a nap during an action packed VMI football game.

Above: Cadets, while usually denied the chance to be creative, express themselves in the inside of their cover.

CONCERTS

This year brought several concerts to the Lexington area. Two of the largest concerts of the year were the Connell's concert and the Dave Matthews Band, both at the Virginia Horse Center. The Connell's concert, although a financial disaster for the second class, was still a lot of fun. Dave Matthews, who just a few years ago was playing in Fraternity houses at W&L, rocked the area with a sold-out crowd of over 5000 at the Virginia Horse Center. The Samples also managed to play at W&L's Pavilion.

HOPS + BARLEY =

Above: Max Castelyn sips a beer and leaves making silly faces for the camera to his girlfriend.

Above: If you haven't seen your girlfriend for a while, hold h tight and dance slow

Above: John Sherrod, despite his being in uniform, takes time out for a beer with three of h newest, closest friends.

It's Friday night and the Corps is getting restless. We have been teased by the hordes of young ladies that have materialized out of nowhere here on this calm before the storm afternoon. Soon, the Corps will leave the parade deck, and the exodus to the local hotels will begin. This is a Hop Weekend, and soon the pent up energy inherent in the Corps will be exhausted in a grand celebration of youth, wine, women and song. Girls have been known travel from schools in distant states to be with their beloved cadets. Rats and Firsts alike anxiously await the arrival of their dates, and proceed at best speed to any of the local motels for some pre hop relaxation. Then, after the obligatiory two hours, the party commences at the hotel of your choice.

Above: The best possibe use for a hotel room, a party!

Left: "D.S." Southall and Billy Kelly fill their cups from the source of all pleasure, the almighty keg.

Right: Todd Glasser knows that all women really want is someone to listen their chatter.

A Good Time?

Parents Weekend

Every year the parents of the Corps flock upon the Institute to see their sons and spend a weekend in Lexingto With parades, a football game, a chance to eat in the Mess Hall, the Fabulous Physics Phenomena, Saturd morning classes and all the VMI souveniers you can possibly handle, Parents weekend is a boost for the whole famil

Below: Benjy and Mr. Bird get ready to march down for the football game. The Father's marchdown was always looked forward to.

Above: For the Kraft family, Parents weekend is twice as mu fun with two sons, Travis, Rat and Casey, First.

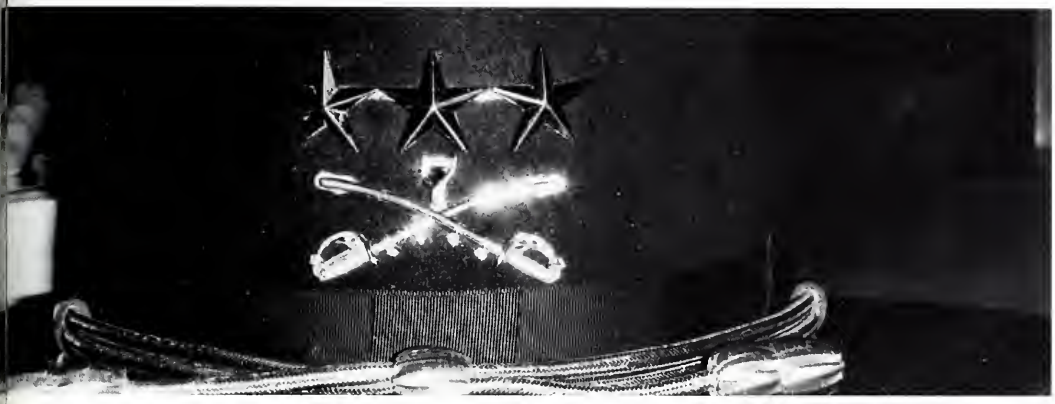
Below: Some fathers are more familiar than others. Brandon Bissell and his father, former Commandant of Cadets Col. Michael Bissell march down.

Above: Parents await the opening of Barracks and the chance to visit in thei son's room. Parents always find it fascinating to view the rooms, and to see just how little their tuition money buys.

A Warrior Speaks

By Shannon Hume

On the 7th of November, the Corps was visited by Lt Gen. Hal Moore and Joe Galloway. These two men came to share their book, We Were Soldiers Once...And Young. They also shared their stories about the Vietnam War, and the leadership which wins battles. General Moore was a battalion commander during the war, and was the American field commander on the bloodiest dy since World War II. He graduated from the VMI of the north, West Point. After visiting the Institute, Geberal Moore said, "West Point is a five star hotel compaired to VMI." General Moore retired from the Army in 1977, with 32 years of service. Joe Galloway, now a senior writer for US News And World Report, was UPI reporter in Southeast Asia. Mr. Galloway spent fifteen years in the Southeast Asia theatre, as a war correspondent.



LGen. Harold G. Moore, author of "We Were Soldiers Once And Young" accepted an invitation to VMI to speak about his eperiences and his book.

Right: Lt. Gen. Moore addresses the Corps in J.M. Hall. His address included his experiences in the Army afterward.

Left: Afterwards, Lt. Gen. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway were on hand to sign copies of their books.

Right: These officers listen with rapt attention to Lt. Gen. Moore's comments.

RAH VIRGINIA MIL!

What happens when you have a football team that needs a decisive mental advantage the night before a big game? Open up Barracks and have a crazy Pep Rally! Invite all sorts of guests and have a wild warm up for the weekends game. For guests and Cadets alike, it is a great break. For men on confinement, it is a great way to talk to a girl while wearing your bathrobe. Rats, of course provide the entertainment as they don a bewildering array of costumes. Some Cadets have even been know to accept wedding proposals from their girlfriends during Pep Rallys.

Below: Band Co. can always be relied upon to provide the musical additions to make a pep rally swing.

Above: Rats get are encouraged to show spirit and engage in sorts of exuberant hijinks.

Below: Even the Commandant can get into the swing of things and be convinced to rappel from Barracks and join the festivities.

Above: The First Class president and the Commandant share the stage and the chance to mak few remarks.

ove: Some rats seem to have all the fun at these rallys, most not even concerned about how outrageous their uniforms k.

Above: The evening would not be complete without an address without the Head Football Coach, Bill Stewart, who Col. Bozeman is introducing.

Foxfield Races

Every spring and fall outside of Charlottesville Va, there is a peculiar horse race that many cadets find cause to attend. Known as the Foxfield Races, one wonders if the horses even race, as it is rare to actually see them. Indeed the essential point of the races appears to be tailgate and drink the afternoon away. This is rapidly evident when one sees just how rarely you see the horses race and how much time is spent talking and mixing drinks. It is an event that is very different from the usual cadet's weekend destination, and a chance to meet very different people.

Above: Is the best reason to go to Foxfield the women? Possibly, if not for the horses or drinks.

Left: Eddie Glover, Kipp Averett and Tim Collier raise their glasses to '95 and wonder if the rain will spoil their drinking.

Mixers

Sweet Briar College, Mary Baldwin College, Randolph Macon Women's College, Southern Virginia College Fc Women, what do they have in common? They all have played host to a wild assortment of social events casuall known as "Mixers". In effect an organized party designed to lure right thinking hard working cadets within the gras of wily women who wish to ensnare them into marriage. Or, at least get drunk and enjoy a merry evening with tha special cadet.

Above: Lost in the noise, women and alcohol Turk Fisher tries to decide which is really better, the band or the beer garden.

Above: Turk Fisher may not be so sure, but Rob Davis know the answer: the beer garden. With company like this youn lady, he has no choice but to walk back to the "I".

Above: Brad Moses, with an armful as usual.

Above: Rick Blaylock, Mike Fellows, and Charles Stanley enjoy the compan of some good friends at VMI's extension campus, MBC.

Above: What does Tony Teritehau and John Brooks have in common? The same Sweet Briar girl? Nah, couldn't be that.

Above: These Mary Baldwin College girls are thrilled with th prospect of another mixer.

Corps Trip

November 15, 1994 will be remembered by most cadets for more than one reason. It was the occasion of Founder's Day, the day which the Institute was founded with it's obligatory parade and convocation. It was also the start of Corps Trip, the eagerly awaited pilgrimage to Norfolk and the Oyster Bowl vs. the Citadel. Although we suffered a loss to the Citadel and several local motels, the Corps is none the worse for the wear.

low: Col. Bozeman and the Regimental Staff wlecomes the Citadel's gimental Staff to VMI for the Founder's Day parade and the Convotion. The Citadel cadets enjoyed an evening with their counterparts on MI's staff before the Corps Trip.

Above: The dedicated VMI First Class Privates support the VMI Rugby team against the Citadel. These men pause during halftime for a cold one.

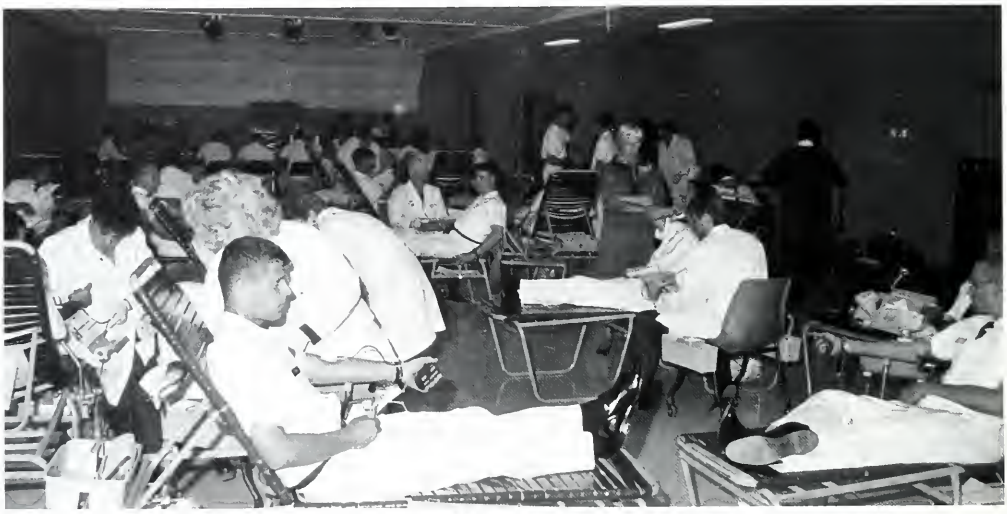
ow: Rats and Knobs both have short r, but Rats definitely put up with more. n so, old friends remain the same, as se cadets can attest to.

Above: When all is said and done, the real reason cadets all look forward to Corps Trip is really just the good times to be shared over cold beer, as demonstrated by Bryan Tash, Lloyd Taliferro, Sam West and Andy Schwartz. Mark Hagan's party after the game provided just that opportunity.

Blood Drives

Every Semester, the Appalachian Red Cross collects blood on the VMI post. Most Cadets and faculty members jump at this chance to provide a valuable community service and doante needed blood. Red Cross officials have stated that VMI donated almost ten times as much blood as Virginia Polytechnical Institute. However, it is doubtful if VPI grants it's students and cadets a free weekend leave as an invcentive.

Below: Many cadets came to try and help the Red Cross by donating blood. With a goal of 400 units of blood in mind the American Red Cross received some 471 units in one day.



Below: Paul Hayes begins to feel the effects of a rapidly decreasing blood level. Or was it those pitchers at The Palms the night before?

Below: Another reason that many cadets cite for blood dor tion is the snacks afterward. While modest, they are an i provement over the mess hall.

Bright Lights, Big City

SCP, FCP, LexPass, GP, Running S**t, these are just some of the ways in which Cadets spell Lexington. The usual destinations are our favorite watering holes, such as the Palms, Spankies, Raven and Crown, and wherever else cadets go to releieve the stress of the Institute's daily grind. Whether it is a dinner with the Rats, some time spent bonding with BRs, or that girl from wherever who blew into town for a date, Greater Metropolitian Lexington is the place to be.

Above: Mark Hagan, Mark Womble and their rats enjoy the fine cuisine of Spanky's, the culinary mecca of Lexington.

Above: The Raven and Crown Pub, Lexington's alternative club and bar for those a little too tired of The Palms.

Below: "Back in the Old Corps . . . " You never know who you will meet in a bar, as alumni are always happening about.

Life in Barracks

Below: Scott Bosiger entertains his girlfriend, her friend, his Rat, and, well just about everybody.

Above: Mike Paruti and his Rats relax and enjoy the peace befo SRC. If a First classman ever saw his rats, it was usually befo Supper Roll Call.

Below: Due to all the construction occurring on Post this year, most cadets simply tried to find an alternate way to get around and not be too inconvenienced.

Above: Buddy Meador and his dykes hang out on the stoop. No one could ever mistake Bud for an Rat Disciplinary Committee member.

bove: Chuck Bayless mistakes one of his Brother Rats for a calf and tempts to rope him. To play in the old courtyard is a first class ivilege.

Above: Second Classman Pete Gillespie and his overly enthusiastic Brother Rat keep a close watch over the taking of messages in the Visitors Center.

Above: The "High Roller" himself, Ray Jaklitsch, suffers a drop in altitude as he marches this squad of penalty tours. Try as they might, these rats just do not resemble First Class privates.

Above: These young ladies find the company of these cadets to be a perfect reason to drive the forty-five minutes to an hour and a half from their respective schools. This couch has been the scene of many interesting encounters and conversations.

Cadets in barracks can be generally divided into two categories: those who want to leave and soon will, and those who want to leave but must first serve the balance of their confinement or penalty tours. Rats, of course are stuck in Barracks anyhow and really do not qualify. Even so, these men stuck here find ways to divert themselves and pass the time away. During the weekends, Lejeune Hall with it's televisions, pool tables and visiting areas provide some respite. There is always homework to be done, and working out can burn energy. Rats are always useful and provide much entertainment. Otherwise, most men mark their calenders and make plans for the day their confinement is lifted.

'96 Ring Figure Com.

The Ring Figure 96 Committee, thought by their Brother Rats to be the worst financial disaster since the Great Depression, take a break from fleeing from their creditors to pose for a picture. Although the problems were many, "A good time was had by all", said one participant.

VMI Slugs Rugby Team

Known for their motivation and enjoyment of their sport, VMI's Rugby team has earned quite a reputation for itself. Each year, the team plays other college teams from all over the South, in addition to the Marine Corps team from Quantico and the Ecole Polytechnique team from Palaiseau, France. The VMI Rugby team, noted for its consistently winning record, is one of many club sports that if granted the same money and attention that certain losing varsity sports receive, would be an even greater source pride to the Corps.

Floor Hockey Team

Once merely a sport confined to the stoops and New Courtyard, floor hockey has gained a somewhat sizable following in the Corps. With the increase in interest has come the use of Cocke Hall as a court instead of Barracks. Although other teams are not played, if interest continues to grow, floor hockey could become another athletic team to be proud of.

M. N. M. B. Staff

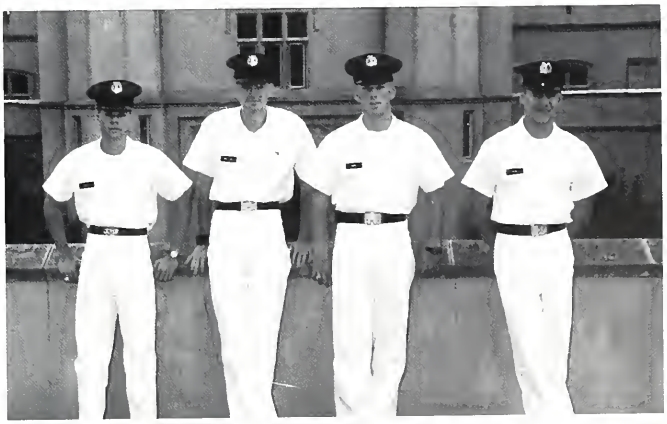
The Marshall New Market Battalion, the pride and joy of Army ROTC, governs FTX's and other extracurricular activities of the Army. Through their participation in these activities and their instilling of the 16 leadership dimensions in underclass cadets, the staff truly contributes to the development of future Army officers.

VMI Pistol Team

The VMI Pistol Team is comprised of a group of Cadets who enjoy the challenges and patience of Competitive shooting. There are also members who simply shoot to increase their accuracy through "paper punching". The Team is coached by Sgt. James Thorpe and meets in VMI's own indoor pistol range located in Kilbourne Hall.

Tanker Paltoon

The VMI Tanker Platoon is an organization of Army Cadets who aspire to be Armor Officers. Members receive exposure to all aspects of Armor and participate in specialized FTX's designed to familiarize the Cadet with operations and tactics. Much of their time is spent studying the systems of the M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank.



Ranger Challenge Team

Ranger Challenge is an intercollegiate sport played by select Army ROTC Cadets. Competition is in the areas of marksmanship, weapons assembly, and the "ruck run", a 10 K run with a fully loaded backpack. Team Black, shown in this picture, took top honors at the tournament held in October, and participated in the Regional competition at Ft. Bragg N.C.

Semper Fi Society

The Semper Fi Society provides Marine Corps Cadets with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with aspects of the Marine Corps out of the classroom. Activities include the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and trips to Marine Corps installations. Each spring Quantico bound members undergo "Bulldog" training, to better prepare them for the rigors that lay ahead. Michael Rainwater '95 is the CIC and Semper Fi are advised by Captain David Hall, USMC.

Trident Society

The Trident Society, composed of those Cadets desiring to be Naval Officers, offers many opportunities to its members. Among these opportunities are an annual trip to a Naval base and the chance to buy a T shirt and mug. In addition to this, the Trident Society brings in speakers from different branches of the Navy to help the aspiring Naval Officer with his service selection, and professional development.

Little John Crew

The Little John Crew is a familiar sight at every home football game. Theirs is a job not frequently carried out: the firing of Little John each time VMI makes a touchdown. They are also charged with the upkeep of Little John. In the future, let us hope Little John will be heard more often, as this always provides a military flavor to our home football games.

Cadet Battery

The Cadet Battery is open to all cadets who have an interst in artillery practices and techniques. The Battery uses the 105mm field howitzer for it's ceremonial barrages and a 75mm pack howitzer for use during football games. The Cadet Battery also participates in Army ROTC FTXs for the purpose of conducting training fire missions.

Assoc. of the U. S. Army

The Association of the United States Army is a group Army officers whose desire is to promote greater professional development among the officer corps of the Army. It also endeavors to increase knowlege of it's members about the Army. VMI sends a contingent of cadets and officers to the National Convention in Washington, D.C.

VMI Eagle Scout Assoc.

VMI Eagle Scouts Club is an organization intended to facilitate Boy Scouting at VMI. For most members is serves as a bridge to Scouting and a way to uphold a Scouting affiliation. For others it is a route to an Explorer Post and a way to help out active Scout troops in the area. VMI Eagle Scouts is under the charge Dallas Richards and is advised by Capt. Erchul.

Fat Kid and the Coconuts

Fat Kid and the Coconuts is VMI's real Band company. Offering the newest popular music and their own tunes, they are the most modern thing at VMI since FCP. They have played at several hops, as well as several engagements on Post for whoever cares to listen. They can be heard practicing in Cocke Hall between SRC and 2030 nightly.

The English Society

The English Society had another successful year with trips to Washington, D.C., Richmond, the New River Gorge, and a camping trip. The Camping trip proved interesting and getting there was half the fun. Three cars packed full of Cadets, gear, food, and Mr. Beam made their way to the camping ground. Despite a lost member, who was returned by a 4x4 belonging to a local, the trip proceeded well. The members got in better touch with their feminine side. The masters of this mayhem are Bob Staley, Chris Hartwell, and Lee Grimes.

The Promaji Club

Promaji means "Togetherness" in Swahili. This is the essence of the Promaji Club. They are dedicated to improving relationships between all races in Barracks, to the advancement of minority cultural interests and to provide a forum for discussion of racial affairs. They are particulaly interested in sponsoring events for Black History Month. Kendall Clarke and Terrin Tucker are the President and Vice President respectively.

VMI Glee Club

VMI's Glee Club has a major role in representing the Institute at other colleges and cultural events. It is led and managed by Cadet Joe Doyle. The Glee Club provides many different cadets with an opportunity travel and excercise a possibly latent talent for vocal expression. It also provides an excellent opportunity to meet wholesome young women.

Spirit Squad

Women at VMI? Where did they get them? From Southern Virginia College for Women, of course, and Mary Baldwin. These ladies have very graciously agreed to be VMI's cheerleaders. Coached by Capt. David Hall, they are Kristin Barger, Courtney Lee, Ivy Harper, Christie Ayers, Brooke Seaman, Denisa Murray, Carlette Smith, and Sempora Cox. The male members are as follows, R.A. Bopp, B.W. Barbour, M.C. Castelyn, B.A. Gallagher, N.J. Latsios, A.J. Lewis, S.H. Holt, M.J. Tyrrell, M.G. Redman, J.A. Straub, and M.G. Waltz.

Young Republicans

"Young Republicans at VMI — theys Just like Peas and Carrots." Whether or not you agree with Cadet Gump, there is a vital active chapter of Young Republicans at VMI. They are active supporters of Virginia's Republican Party. They were intensely involved in the 1994 Senate race. This year's Club started essentially from scratch under the brilliant guidance of those dynamic political activists, R. Christian Hoff, Josh Hawkins, and Mike Ohleger. They travelled as far as Washington, D.C. and hosted numerous speakers.

VMI Theatre

VMI Theatre is a small renegade band of Liberal Artists who persist in keeping alive the thespain flame at the Institute. They are very active and produce several plays a year which are attended by a diverse audience of rats, english majors, and local townspeople. The theatre is located in Scott Shipp Hall. The Theatre is directed by Joellen Landing.

Big Red Club

Rah Virginia Mil! The Big Red Club is composed of any cadet who needs only to meet two requirements- an interest in sports and a large measure of Team spirit! Organized by Criggan Howland, the Big Red Club is in its third year of supporting the various athletic teams at VMI. Men have the distinction of wearing the coveted red t-shirt as a official uniform to games and may occupy a select set of seats in Cameron Hall. They truly support Institute sports!

Religous Affairs Council

Religious affairs are the purveiw of the Religious Activities Council. These dedicated young men function as the guiding body for the planning of religious activities in the Corps. They place special emphasis upon Religious Affairs Week, planning a series of guests, folk groups, and spiritually oriented events. They coordinate closely with Chaplain James Park, the Institute Chaplain.

Canterbury Club

When VMI and W&L students gather for prayer and food, it is frequently at the Canterbury Club for Episcopalian students. Meeting at Robert E. Lee chapel, this offers a unique chance to worship in the company of persons other than cadets. This has led to many inroads of cooperation with VMI and W&L and a great community in which to worship in.

VMI Outreach

VMI Outreach is dedicated to carrying out good works for charity. The chief beneficiaries of their time are located in Lexington, and are advanced in age. It is for this reason that the Outreach Program is so successful. Outreach cadets complete many good works for the benefit of elderly persons each semester. First Classman Joseph Doyle is the program's coordinator.

The Cadet Staff

As VMI's weekly periodical record the lives and times of the Corps, t Cadet has seen a very exciting year. T year began with a major manageme change, with Thomas A. Brashears gr cefully yielding the position of Editor Chief to Christian Hartwell and Robe Staley. The Cadet was then displaced l the Library Restructuring program to sha quarters with the Bomb Staff. This a rangement has been clumsy, but with mu good will on the part of the editorial stal of both publications, the sharing of the Li Memorial Publications Room has been success. The content and quality of Tl Cadet has reached an all time height professionalism and depth due to the e forts of Staley and Hartwell, and tl enthusiastic contributions of the Cad Staffers. Many a sleepless night these de icated men pursued in their goal of pr ducing a excellent paper. The size of Tl Cadet has increased to twenty four pag and the "Left Step. . . Marge" colum reached an unforseen popularity. The H mor page suffered some censure, howeve this has been the interest of avoiding he esay. Although the Cadet has suffered son fiscal problems, they were the result of a ambitious program to expand the amou of subscriptions. This indeed has been watershed year for The Cadet, with great expectations in the future.

The Model Arab League

The Model Arab League is intended to broaden understanding of participants in Middle Eastern Affairs. This is accomplished through a model Arab United Nations summit talks dealing with a variety of issues that are pertinent to today's Middle Eastern World. Delegates are expected to follow parliamentary procedure, table proposals, and attempt to gain resolution upon them. The Model is held annually at Georgetown University and schools from the entire country are in attendance.

Varsity Letter Men

Varsity Sports athletes spend much of their time competeing and training for their sports, and rightfully deserve the distinction of wearing a Varsity Letter. This has been earned through many ardous hours of training. They are a tribute to the values which this Institute stands for.

Newman Club

The Newman Club is a religous organization intended to foster the spirit of Catholiscism among the College community of Lexington. Meeting at St. Patrick's Catholic Church the Club sponsors several retreats, dinners and religous education experiences. The Newman Club welcomes all new and old believers.

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Alph Phi Omega

Alpha Phi Omega is a national service fraternity. It was founded by Boy Scouts who desired to continue their service to the community. It participaptes in sevreral charity projects including Daffodil Days, Special Olympics, and aid to Kid's Place. The VMI chapter is strongly tied to the James Madison University chapter as it's sponsor organzition. APO is led by Second Classmen Clay Richardson, Jared McCormick, Christopher Noe, and C.J. Mulligan.

Above: Chris Noe, Jared McCormick, and John Amory Glaccum "Fight the Power", in front of the staff bulletin board which is normally used to convey information about the Yearbook's progress

Perhaps the best reason for the suc cess of this book this year is th spirit of rebellion that pervades th staff. A group of dedicated, creativ authority evading men have pulle VMI's flagship student publication ou of a miserable two year hiatus. Na urally, the staff bears a trace of ar imosity towards the previous year' regulations and red tape. Sometime we wondered if the Administratio even cared if our publication sank c swam . . . Permits for recompensatio have been rejected, pay has been cu the staff has been made to accomodat whims of a restructuring plan with n prior consultation, and perhaps wors of all, many essential tools and re sources have been denied. The com puter used to prepare this page does nc belong to the Staff or VMI. It is dif ficult to see athletic programs enjoy th finest equipment and facilities, pos police cars recieve new paint jobs, an new administrators added to fill dutie that Cadets should be doing. We, of th 1995 Bomb Staff wish to see a littl more attention paid to journalism as a academic and educational duty, not a a mere recreation or easy out.

The 1995 BOMB Staff

"Don't Let Your Academics Get In The Way of The BOMB"

—Col. Mike Bozeman, Commandant of Cadets

Left to Right: Brett Springer, Kevin Vallerie, Chris Noe, Paul Zackrison, Jason Lantz, Jared McCormick, C.J. Mulligan, Ken Meers, Kevin Mable, Rod Thompson, Pat Monohan, Cesar Perez, Kevin Hoffer. Center, John-Amory Glaccum, Tim Collier, Andrew Johnson.

ight: Tim Collier and John Amory Glaccum pause to drink a beer during shoot uptown. The staff found it ecessary go where majority of cadets ent to enjoy their weekends. After all, e Bomb must cover the cadet wher-ver he goes.

Above: In addition to his duties as business manager, Andrew Johnson prepared several pages out of the book. Behind him is one example of several "Unauthorized" posters.

Below: Kurt Araju and Candid Color did more for the Bomb tha they were expected to and made it look easy. Here, Kurt careful poses Jon Paxton for a perfect pose.

Below: Brother Rat, Could you . . . First Classmen wash and comb hair, Rats merely need to towel off their heads.

Late Nights, Long Hours, Lots of Permits

Due to the multitude of events that must be covered in the Yearbook, Bomb staffers have probably over the years have requested more permits to be approved for more events and activities than normal. You may think that our administrators would be supportive of our endeavors, but alas, this is not so. While the Office of Cadet Affairs constantly offers its support, some other offices have taken substantial amounts of coaxing, and others, specifically, the Office of the Executive Assistant, have portrayed a distinctly two faced attitude toward Bomb efforts. Nevertheless, we amended our requests and struggle on.

Above: Nothing beats Dominoes Pizza at 0130. Simple pleasures can provide powerful motivation to finish the job no matter how late it is.

Above: Kevin Vallerie and Brett Springer take a breather during the final stages of preparing their section.

Above: What Bomb room is complete without a Rat? Besides delivering the Rat section, John Getgood and a select few of his B.R.s offered some indespensable aid.

Above: An innocent looking Federal Express Package holds the second shipment of the Bomb. Of all the myraid jobs we undertook, this was the most pleasant.

Above: The final address of our office, here at the New Barracks Annex. Contrary to popular belief, this was not where the Tailor Shop was located.

Above: How many violations of the the Blue Book can YOU spot here Of course the Bomb Room never has unauthorized items in it.

Above: Chris Noe, after working all night on a deadline catches an earl morning nap before his first class.

Above: Tim Collier and Justin Rubino discuss the next layout for the Bomb, over cold beer on the parade ground. Yes, it's against the regulations. No, we don't care and No, we didn't get boned.

EDITOR'S LETTER

As I sit here like I have so many times before, in front of the computer, I wonder what to say. There has been so much that has happened here with this publication, I don't really know where to start. One night during my ratline, I was speaking to John Zackirson, the EIC of our dyke's Bomb, and he warned me not to take this job my first class year. I should have listened closer to him. But then, after joining the staff my third class year, and being involved with the disastrous 1993 Bomb, I wanted to do better. Second class year brought with it the offer of a Managing Editor spot on the 1994 Bomb, but I declined, opting for the Ring Figure and Second Class section. It was an interesting job, and I have yet to see the 1994 Bomb, and my handwork. By the spring of 1994, the Corps was having serious doubts about the fate of VMI yearbooks, having not seen one since the spring of 1992. The reputation, prestige, morale and the size of the Bomb Staff was at an all time low. It was a desire to beat this trend, succeed where others had failed before, and serve my class that eventually led me to consider the job. The final clincher was my having only 24 more hours of classes complete for my degree. I accepted the job, not really knowing then, I think, what I was getting into. However, the spring of 1994 saw me stacking the deck and trying to get enough groundwork laid. Who to join me was the first major question? As my Managing Editor, I eventually settled on one of the up and coming Cadet Staffers eager to get back into publishing after receiving a typical Institute combination reaming and screw job over an offense that he should not have been touched for. John Amory Glaccum became not only my "Right Hand Man" but more like the right side of my body in the Bomb Room. This publication will have his stamp in it, and I could not have completed it, with the quality and elan that he was able to introduce. From organizing it coherently, executing some of the most technically difficult pages, and keeping me on my toes, and playing the devil's advocate when he needed to. Sometimes, I wasn't entirely sure who was giving who orders, but I trusted him and he never let me down. In all probability he will have the watch next year for his class, and I hope that he has the same luck and assistance that I have had. John Amory was not the only one though — Andy Johnson, "Herr Minister of Finance," kept Smith Hall and Col. Jones's office happy, kept our business updated, knocked out a section or two for us, and even put up with his brand new car being towed by the Post Police. Crazy, for the job that the Wookie didn't do, I thank you. Pat Monohan and Kevin Hoffer preformed the thankless job of collecting First class histories and the endless computer work to process them. Herr Minister, you have served well. Paul Zackirson, without you, we might still be puzzling out UltraVision. Even though we both once swore we'd never go where our brothers went, you knew the stakes I was playing and tried you best to rig the game for me. "Where is Zack? I can't figure this out!" Your lost rack time went to a good end. Give Lazy Leroy a hand next year and he'll be fine. Chris Noe, another lost Bomb soul. You have delivered a major chunk of my book, and gave me more support than you could really afford to. Thank you doesn't quite do justice. I thought you would have learned from your dyke. For all of Chris's "N"s, I appreciate the help. Jared McCormick brought us his tobacco, sense of humor, CDs, and the Sports Section. Stick around next year, Herr Minister of Sports. Kevin Vallerie, who despite being besieged by the Econ Department, managed to grind out a very respectable Third Class section in what seemed like a week. We were dumfounded, he was never around the Bomb Room, and yet he accomplished so much for us. Erik Bauserman, we wished you could have done more with us, but academia calls. One feature of this staff was the active participation of certain Rats, usually a departure from RDC regulations, but in this case resolved with a word or two with Mike Paxton. Our Bomb rats, namely John Getgood and Cesar Perez. They went way beyond what was expected of junior staff. "Bull" Perez was probably the only rat to ever take a limited all duty with the blessing of his company CO. There were many other people without whose support I would be much worse off. Colonel Royce Jones became our Godfather. If we had a problem, he straightened it out for us. He was always ready to see things from the cadet's point of view, and he backed us when we needed it. "One day, and that day may never come, I will call upon you to do a service for me...." Colonel Mike Bozeman gave us the room we needed to maneuver and, cooperated with us on the military side of VMI. We thank him for possibly the greatest gift at VMI, autonomy. Lelia Crabtree and George Olsen provided the finest available training, and offered copious support. During the 1993 and 1994 staffs, the publisher was sometimes an unknown, unreachable entity. Lelia had very definite opinions, and she made clear the maze of Taylor's production process. "Call the publisher" was often the solution for our staff, and it was usually the right solution. Anywhere, anytime, anything seemed to be the motto of Kurt Arujo and Candid Color Photography. Not surprisingly, Kurt delivered, on time and never made excuses. Not everyone has the privilege of retaining such a dedicated firm. For the rest of my Brother Rats, your cooperation was also a help. The histories, the cooperation, the constant desire to help from such people as Ed Randall, Sean Burke, Brian Blue, every company CO, and anyone else who gave me what I asked them for. It's YOUR Bomb, just as much as much as it is mine. I was glad to have the help off all the people named above. As a Staff, we were untested, and faced with a series of moves across post that derailed us and cost us about a month's worth of work. Then, we became possibly the first Yearbook to ever be produced in the same room as the Cadet News Paper. This proved somewhat annoying, but fortunately Chris Hartwell, Bob Staley, and I soon resolved our differences. I am proud to say that we made every deadline, and steadily improved our skills and our content, even as our grades dropped. With many pizzas and cups of coffee, all will be resolved and we will deliver on time. My only wish for this publication is for it to serve as an accurate history of this year, as well as a memento of our Class. I am proud to say that it was on schedule the entire year, and I hope it will be warmly received by the Corps, who it was intended for. Despite the lousy grades, lost sleep, extra weight it cost me, it will all be worth it when it's on the shelf with it's forbears. Although I have given credit to almost everyone except the stoopies, and I probably should, as they cleaned up for us, quite a change from the Crozet office, I, as the EIC, claim ultimate responsibility for this book. My work, my staff's work, all of it, I submit to the Corps of Cadets, and the VMI community. If you like it, I am delighted, and proud to present it to you. If you do not like it, my apology is extended. But please remember that it is intended for the Class of 1995 first, the Corps second, and everyone else following.

"The Institute shall be heard from today."

Timothy Edward Collier, Editor In Chief 1995 Bomb

VMI OUTRAGE 95

First Class year was a thrill for all of us. . . a real bundle of laughs, but so were the first three years!

The great event of our ratline: Burning the giant 92 in the courtyar with our white belts!

Remember Ryan Robbins? "Hey Brother Rats, Lets all kill a cat for Dykes as an act of unity!"

And remember Bob Benz? What can I say, except what can I say?

Beef's big chest

Anything to get away on a weekend. . .

Some of us were not!

Some of us were Hard!

Some of us were bad

ey Jol! Is that the girl you had in Barracks last night? or was it Sean, or Eric Fegley?

Then, some of us just to have a good time

Tim Millers gets ready to scare off his girlfriend with a big wet sloppy kiss

You know men, I probably don't say this enough, but I love you all!

Really guys, I'm all right, I just need another beer before I leave a puddl on the floor of rm. 356

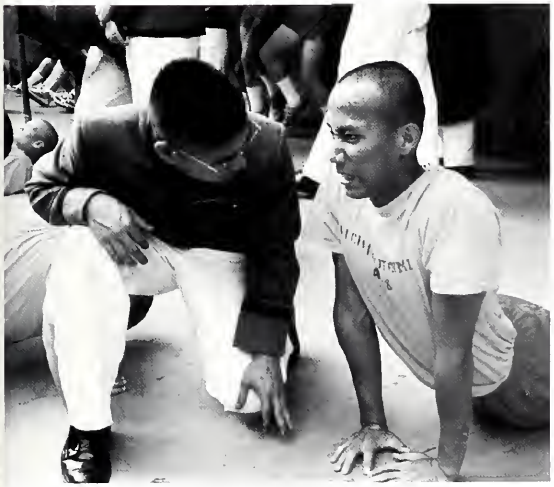
Anyone for a game of cowboy frisbee?

You better push. . . I shaved my whole body for this workout!

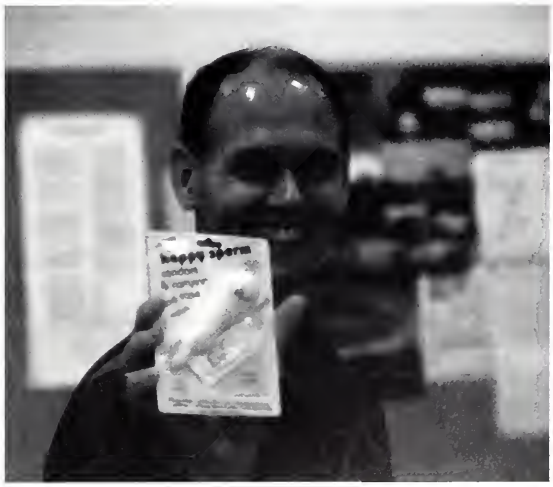
Major Simpson was a true outrage!

We'll never forget our Ring Figure

And we'll always remember Rob Davis as being the responsible, moral figure that kept us from committing sin

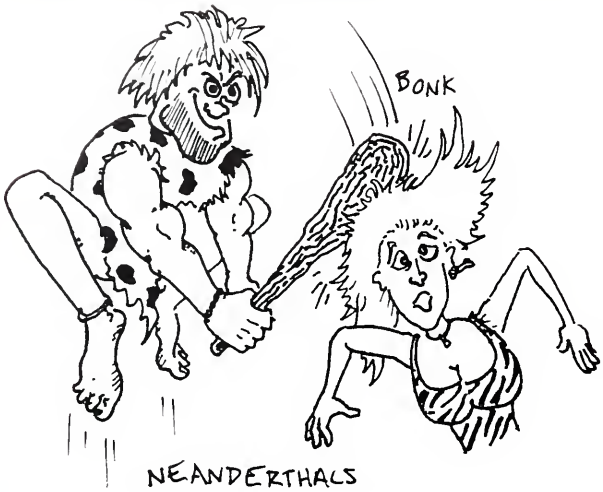


And remember rats that sucked and never put out at sweat parties



Brother Rat SGM. Billy Goodson shows us that there is indeed life after marriage.

DATING HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF....



VMI '95 RING FIGURE

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We're mighty proud of you!
Love,
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William John Eger, Jr.

Your Child's shadow still lingers on the dunes and wave swept shore, where as a child you played and grew. Like a gull you spread your wings and soared to heights unlimited. May your journey continue with new strength, resolve and joy.

Love
Mom, Dad, Andy, Captian David and Holly West, Georden Elizabeth, Annastasia Alexandra

Congratulations Tony Jaso Class of 1995

The Spirit in you tought you to meet
Those toils and sweat beyond defeat
You faced them all with great success
And now face life with our respect!

With our love and wishes for life's best your way:
Your Family

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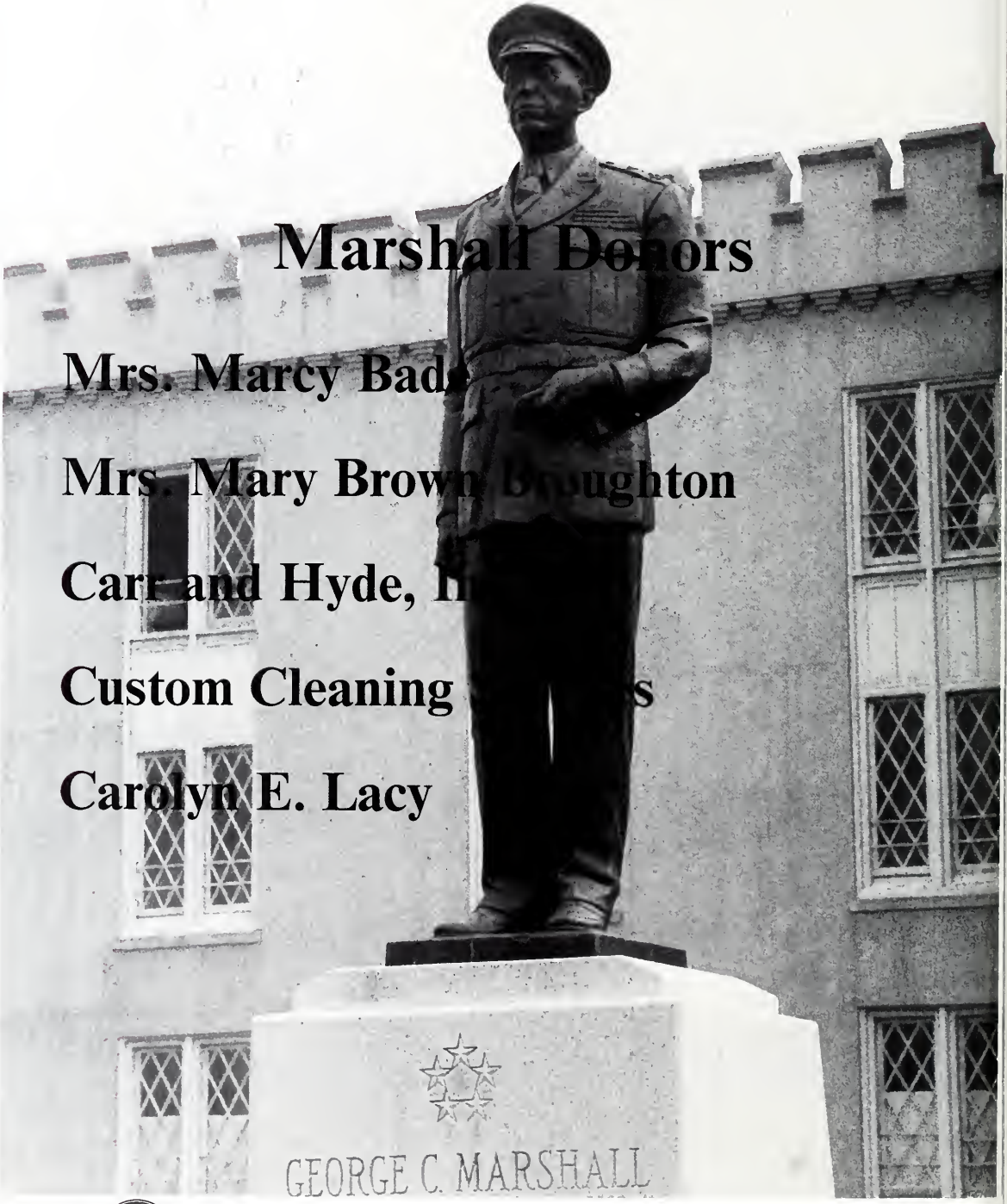

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Love, Mom, Dad, T and Andy

Hallelula! Hallelula! Hallelula!

It's a miracle but you finally made it, Bill Raynor.

Love, From all your Family

Cadet Austin Lee Clark
Class of 1995

Here you are in 1975 riding along with no place to go.
In 1991 you made the decision to head of to VMI.

Austin,
We are proud of you for making a four year commitment to VMI.
When your friends chose the easy way to a college degree,
you chose the difficult path.
In doing so you demonstrated your ability to accept a challenge and to meet that challenge.
For that we want to say congratulations on accomplishing your goals.
The experience you have gained at VMI are yours forever.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, and Tyler

Now it is 1995 and you met the challenge!

Congratulations to our third grandson! It has been a tough four years, but we are proud of you for sticking with it. We are sure your experience and hard work will be helpful in planning your future.
Love,
Mamaw & Papaw Bowling

To our second grandson,
We are proud of you
our first grandson to
graduate from collge.
Love,
Mamaw and Papaw Clark

Way to go Austin ! !
Love,
Gary, Cathi,
Jonathan & Eric

Thank you to Austin's dyke
William Woodward 1992
and his parents
Mickey and Betty

HARDCORE ALPHA'S GOT THE FLAVOR FOR '95

GOOD LUCK, '95! FROM YOUR DYKES IN BRAVO

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Couldn't be prouder
Congratulations
"You are a Man"
Mom & Dad

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATT REINER AND THE VMI CLASS OF 1995!

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Congratulations to Barry Miller & VMI Class of 1995

Dear Barry,
We are all very proud of your wonderful accomplishments at VMI.
You knew from the very beginning that VMI would be the best school for you; and you were right!
You have given us many proud moments in your lifetime but this has to be your greatest accomplishment.
We all love you and will continue to support you in all of your future endeavors.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Vic, Beth, Susan, Brian, Sandra, Grandma & Grandpa.

You have made all your family proud. Set your goals high.
Mom& Dad

CONGRATULATIONS TO JASON PIFER AND HIS B.R.'S OF 95! 95! 95!

SEEEEE YAAAAAH !!!!!!!!

Trust In The Lord
With All Your Heart
And Lean Not On
Your Own Undrstanding;
In All Ways
Acknowledge Him,
And He Will Make
Your Paths Straight.

Proverbs 3: 5-6

Congrats &
Best Wishes -

Jason,
Rocky &
Jeff!

Thanks VMI
LAX
For Great
Memories!!

GO BILLS!

May You Always Keep The
Values & Truths You Cherish.

May You Always Believe In
Yourself And In Your Dreams.

May You Always Hold Fast
To Your Faith In The Lord

May God Our Father Shower
You With Blessings & Fill
You With His Great Peace.

May God's Holy Angels
Guard And Guide Your
Every Step.

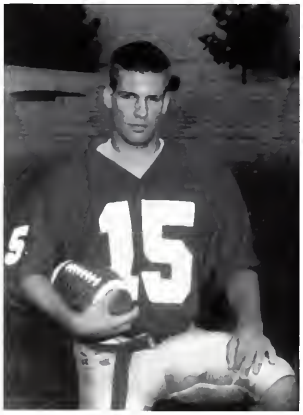
Jason - We are so proud of you - your efforts, perseverance and accomplishments - it's been a long haul! You're a class act & WE LOVE YOU! YOU DONE GOOD! Mom & Dad

KEVIN M. REARDON

VMI 1995

Kevin, thanks for all the wonderful memories! We've enjoyed the travel, football weekends, parent weekends, Ring Figure, etc. We know you've experienced a different "rat line" each of your four years at VMI, but you've overcome all of them. As you've discovered, "tough times don't last - tough people do." We're very proud of all you've done. Congratulations to you!

Keith, John, and all your Brother Rats!
WE LOVE YOU,
Mom & Dad



"Fire is the test of gold; Adversity of strong men."

— Seneca

"If we are strong, our character will speak for itself."

— J.F. Kennedy

OUR SON

We can't forget the fun we had,
when you were just a boy.
The times you made us feel so proud
and filled our hearts with joy.

And though you've grown into a man,
your virtues are the same.
You're truthful, loyal and sincere,
no matter what the game.
So in this complex game called life,
we're proud of what you've done.
We thank God for the winner
that he gave to us — OUR SON!

Dear John Cross,
We are immeasurably proud of your achievements. Looking back to your youth, we remember a child who was never afraid of a challenge. We remember a young man who always exemplified a "Yes I Can" attitude. You were always outspoken and ascertive. We remember an unselfish guy, courageous, cooperative and positive!

We congratulate you for "Hanging tough" when the way was rough, for believing in yourself, for putting things in perspective and for doing your best. As a child, you were wise, optimistic and determined. We only give God the credit for the joy and happiness you have brought us. You are, always have been and always will be very special to us.

If your future is as bright as your past, the world will be a better place because of you.

Love,
Mom & Dad

CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM GRIMES
Thank you, Chris, for making us very proud of you.
May God always be a part of your life as He directs your path.
Love Always,
Mom & Dad
You did good, Grimace!
Love,
Your Bro'

CHRISTOPHER COLE NOWLAN '95
We Have Always Been So Proud of You - Congratulations on your Graduation from V.M.I.
YOU DID IT YOUR WAY!
LOVE,
MOM, POP, RYAN & NANNIE

WAY TO GO, ROB!

We are so proud of you and the Class of '95. You have never met a challenge that you couldn't master. We are all so proud of you for all you have done! And, just think, you've only just begun...

Congratulations to Robert C. Davis
We love you so much,
Mom, Dad, Ellen and Bill.

The Pain was Temporary
the Pride is Forever

Congratulations

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We are all Proud of You

Your Family,
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You are the youngest member of our family tree,
but even as a little boy we knew how great you'd be.
Determined and ready with the fight for whatever you believed.
We look back now at your life and all that you've achieved.
Always a leader — never — a follower of the crowd.
You have reached your goal at VMI and made your family proud.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Jimmy, Andrea, David

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